

# *Woman of the Year*

## *2022*



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Dear Woman of the Year Honoree,

Congratulations for being honored as Woman of the Year, a significant recognition which speaks to your unique contributions to your community and the State of California. Since 1987, the California Legislature has set aside a day in March, Women's History Month, to recognize women who are making an extraordinary difference in their communities. In a state of nearly 40 million people, you are one of just 120 exceptional women being recognized for this honor this year. But you join a growing sorority of honorees who have received this recognition since the Legislature first set aside a day in March more than three decades ago.

There has never been a more important time for leadership than during this COVID-19 pandemic. In ways big and small, noticed and unnoticed, leaders like you have inspired and changed our communities for the better and kept us going during an extraordinarily challenging time. It is for this reason that we decided we must continue this recognition this year.

On these pages are the stories of your peers who are also making a difference in their communities. We who serve you here in the State Capitol are honored that you have accepted our commendation.

We hope that you will take personal satisfaction in this recognition, knowing that your leadership has brought positive change to your community and blazed a trail for other women.

Sincerely,

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**Terry R. Oestreich**

Terry Oestreich is in her twenty-fourth and her final year serving Plumas County Schools. Terry began her career in Plumas as a career specialist then grew into roles such as CTE Coordinator, Principal, Human Resources Director, and is finishing out her tenure as Superintendent of Schools.

As the Superintendent of Schools, Terry has shown passion and dedication to the families, staff, and students she has served. Over the years Terry has chosen one word to help remind her of her life's purpose, "Grace." Terry has shown once again that she was exactly the leader who was needed to navigate disaster by maintaining her practice of grace, thoughtfulness, fairness, and integrity as she leads the close-knit Plumas County educational community through the COVID-19 pandemic and also devastating wildfires that have destroyed more than just homes, communities, and schools, but also the livelihood of Plumas residents.

Terry is committed to serving the students of Plumas County Schools, as well as the community. She worked with other Plumas County organizations to create the Agency Leaders Group, which worked to improve wrap-around services for students and community members. Through this role, she became involved with Plumas Rural Services and has served on their Board of Directors since 2018, and is currently the Secretary/Treasurer.

Terry also leads with grace and has set the example for not only her three amazing daughters who also work in education but for her work family as well. She is an inspiration to others and is an advocate for lifelong learning. After her daughters left home, she returned to school to complete her bachelor's degree, immediately followed by her Master's in Business Administration, all while working full time and commuting to school.

Terry will be retiring from her long and rewarding career in June and will treasure the opportunity to spend time with her wonderful family, including her five grandchildren.

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**Laura Perrott Mahan**

Laura Perrott Mahan used her prestige as a society woman to fight for the preservation of the redwood groves in Humboldt County and California in general, including in Redwood National Park. She was born Laura Perrott on November 29, 1868, near Loleta, California.

Like many wealthy women of the time, she became highly involved in local civic and reform organizations. She was a member of the Eureka Women's Club (which focused on education and forestry) and a member of John Muir's conservationist Sierra Club. These two strands of her life—her participation in women's clubs and her interest in conservation, guided her actions throughout the early twentieth century.

Long before the creation of the male-dominated Save the Redwoods League in 1918, she and her fellow women's club members enlisted Eureka City businessmen to designate local redwood groves as city parks, attracting tourists and protecting the trees from logging. She helped form and became president of the Redwood Park Committee, which wrote a resolution, forwarded to the U.S. Congress, demanding that several redwood groves be declared a national park. She organized the influential Women's Save the Redwoods League in 1919 to expand conservation advocacy and activism. In 1923, an undaunted Mahan organized a fundraiser among the Federation of Women's Clubs to buy certain redwood groves to donate as public land.

Mahan's most famous act on behalf of the redwoods occurred in 1924. On November 10, loggers from the Pacific Lumber Company began working in a redwood grove that the court had protected from logging for the rest of the year. When Mahan heard about this, she rallied fellow female environmentalists, rushed to the grove, and, along with the other women, put herself between the machinery and the trees. Because of the women's high profile in the community, the loggers were forced to stop while Mahan's husband gathered the local media and filed an injunction against the company. The local community rallied around this cause and the grove was preserved.

Mahan continued to be involved with the redwoods for the rest of her life. Once an artist, she had also become an activist. By the time she died in 1937, her work had helped preserve multiple groves of irreplaceable redwoods.



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**Jackie Elward**

Jackie Elward is an immigrant born and raised in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and speaks six different languages. In 2000, she met her husband, John Ryan Elward in Kinshasa, the capitol of Democratic Republic of Congo, while studying theology. A few years later in 2003, they immigrated to the United States to start their family.

Coming to the U.S. was a huge culture shock for Jackie. In the Congo, community engagement is vital so one of the way to overcome her culture shock was to volunteer. Whether it was at church or in her local community, Jackie always found a way to give back. Her involvement got her started on the road to public service.

Jackie and her husband are raising their three children in Sonoma County. For the last 10 years, they have been living in Rohnert Park. All three of their children are bilingual in French and English having studied at the French American Charter School. They currently have two teenagers at Technology High School.

Jackie is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Chico State University and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Central State University.

Jackie is founder of Les Enfants Baobab, a nonprofit based in California that supports and helps the street children in Kinshasa. The nonprofit gives the children with a second chance in life by providing them with a place to call home, clothing and schooling.

Jackie is honored to be the first Black female elected to the City of Rohnert Park and is currently serving as the Mayor of Rohnert Park. As a public servant, Jackie wants to serve her community and keep African American history alive.

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**Laurie Giannini**

Calaveras County Fair's CEO, Laurie Giannini, has been dedicated to the county for many years. Known for her creativity and love for the fair's traditions, in 2016 she brought back the rodeo as a crowd favorite event, after 16 years.

Laurie Giannini has always been the go-to problem solver for the fair. Back in 2019, the Calaveras Fair was struck with cold temperatures, rain and hail. However, no amount of bad weather could keep Laurie down. She prepared her staff and volunteers to be up for the challenge and changed locations of programs when necessary, worked through the cold and rain, and was able to have the Junior Livestock Auction raise over \$620,000.

Known for her out-of-the-box ideas, as the COVID-19 pandemic canceled one of Calaveras's favorite traditions, Laurie was able to find a way to bring the fair to people's homes, virtually. Laurie along with her board of directors created the fair's first ever online livestock auction and raised over \$425,000 with 30 less animals involved. Towards the end of the auction, there were over 100 bids per minute. Even though the fair was not able to have all of the county famous events, like the Frog Jump Jubilee, Laurie found other ways to keep the competitive spirits alive and create new, fun, family activities. Some of which are the youth parade where people could enter photos to be part of an online slide show and the "If You Grew It Or Drew It or Sewed It, Show It," competition, which was comprised of over 100 entries of people's arts, crafts, farming, flora-culture and other categories. Giannini was able to find ways to engage kids who were remote learning with their parents such as the "Show Your Goat, Cute Bunny, Proud Pup Owner" competition and COVID-19 essay contests.

Laurie Giannini's love for the county fair not only brought people's spirits up during these challenging times, but created new memories and traditions for families for years to come.



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**Tiffany Saathoff**

Tiffany Saathoff, Rocklin Unified School District Trustee, was influential in Rocklin Unified being one of the first districts in the state of California to safely reopen full-time five days a week. As a mom of three, she first ran for office in her hometown to ensure student needs were put first during the pandemic. Since then, her work on the school board has encouraged and empowered school board members throughout the state to do the same. Her dedication to protecting the critical role of local government and parent rights in education led her to start what has become a powerful grassroots effort demanding a return to local decision-making.

Out of a passion and desire to affect positive change in her community, Tiffany pursued and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from UC Davis. A recipient of the UC Davis Community Service Award, Tiffany has a long-standing history of giving back to her community. Her hundreds of hours of serving with Meals on Wheels, the Mind Institute, UC Davis Med Center and her previous employment as a High School Guidance Counselor led her to her instrumental role in helping establish a community center in her hometown to meet the needs of all families in her community.

As the Family & Education Program Director for the Destiny Community Center, Tiffany helped establish an Education Center for tutoring students, Teen Center for mentoring youth and Family Initiative providing parenting classes - all free of charge to the community. Holding ministerial credentials as well, Tiffany is a strong leader in the faith community, working with local churches and faith circles to resource and support community needs. Tiffany is often quoted saying "healthy families build healthy communities."

In her personal life, Tiffany has put her words into action. Having fostered and adopted two of her three children, Tiffany and her husband learned first-hand the importance of strong community structures to support children and their families. Both in her role as a school board trustee and as a regional leader directing a local foster and adoptive support group, Tiffany is a strong advocate for all youth, especially those at risk with pressing needs.

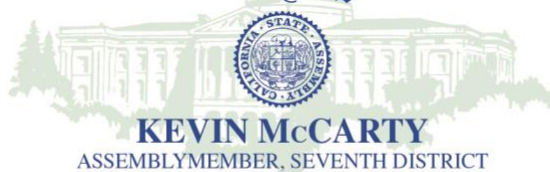
Tiffany beautifully exemplifies the great change just one individual can bring to an entire community.

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**Tamaira Sandifer**

Tamaira Sandifer of Sacramento, affectionately known as “Miss Tee” by thousands of youth nationwide, has spent more than 30 years immersed in the world of dance and youth advocacy. She has dedicated her life to being a champion for the development of every child, so they can build confidence, character and a conquering spirit in order to believe that anything is possible.

In 2021, this Sacramento-based youth advocate and philanthropist was recognized by Forbes Magazine among the inaugural Culture 50 Champions list, "Introducing the Black and Brown leaders making the most impact through their capital, creativity, connections and commitment." Miss Tee's influence on the Sacramento youth, national arts, and the creative economy is not only evident in the work that she is doing today, but will have a lasting impact through the many lives she has changed throughout her life's journey.

As the creator of the distance learning platforms PassToClass.com and Side Hustle Academy, Miss Tee's impact exploded throughout the United States, now serving 192,000 youth and 7,800 educators during the pandemic. To offset some of the impact of COVID shutdowns in her city, she built a Sacramento-based Social Media Production Studio, employing local youth, to support local small businesses with digital content. Sandifer holds a chair position on the American for the Arts Education Council and a board seat with California for the Arts. Her graduates have traveled the globe working with artists like: Justin Bieber, J Lo, Britney Spears, Selena Gomez, Chris Brown, Beyoncé and many others. In addition to being featured in movies, music videos, commercials, and on television, Studio T alumni have won international and regional Hip Hop dance titles, and the studio was voted "Best of Sacramento – Best Beat Keepers."

In 2005, she founded the nonprofit 3 Point 0 - Studio T Arts & Entertainment (formerly Studio T Urban Dance Academy). Dance became her primary engagement tool -- a culturally relevant way for her to connect with diverse youth. Because many of the families Miss Tee and her teams serve face poverty, hunger, and a systematic lack of opportunity, she has made it her daily work to include financial education, life and social skills training, entrepreneurship and real-world skill development – with dance! Her success in building this organization is a direct result of her own struggles and triumphs growing up in Richmond, CA with a single mom raising five siblings with little money for positive afterschool activities. As an adult, Miss Tee was determined to offer students the tools and opportunities that are needed to advance and succeed, leading to the creation of her nonprofit. This mother of three beautiful children, grandmother of two, and ‘Mama Tee’ to many, continues to set the public service bar high by volunteering at her church, actively supporting her community, and building a legacy of love through the arts.



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**Diann H. Rogers**

Diann Rogers serves as the President and CEO of the Rancho Cordova Area Chamber of Commerce. Recently celebrating ten years with the Chamber, she is responsible for the day-to-day operations, including program development, fiscal oversight, and member services. Today, the Chamber serves over 400 members, 15,000 employees and represents the communities of Gold River, Mather, Rosemont, the City of Rancho Cordova, and Rancho Murieta.

From two staff members and an occasional contractor in 2011, the Chamber grew to seven team members in January, including a full-time business development manager.

Over the past decade, Diann introduced the Women's Business Roundtable and directed the launch of a Holiday Craft Faire to serve small, home-based, and craft-related businesses. She implemented "Explore Rancho Cordova," a robust new resident and employee welcome program with the opportunity to showcase member businesses.

As the Executive Director of Leadership Rancho Cordova, Diann has facilitated the training of over 250 community leaders with competencies to serve their community. One current member of the City Council and several elected school and park board members are graduates of the program.

Rancho Cordova Chamber members now benefit from using an app specific to their business and profit from an aggressive referral program. With over 70 networking opportunities and half a dozen signature events, Chamber member engagement has grown substantially under Diann's guidance.

With her political and legislative background, engagement with elected officials and senior policymakers has become a Rancho Cordova Area Chamber hallmark. Her advocacy role was vital in responding to the many pandemic-related legislative proposals impacting our business community.

The pandemic has been devastating for many small businesses. Diann and her chamber team responded, ensuring the Chamber's role as an essential partner in business survival and recovery. The Chamber's COVID-19 website offers resources for business owners and employees. Diann spearheaded a "mask-up" campaign in four languages providing PPE, employer resources, and marketing materials for our many small and non-English speaking businesses along with the distribution of micro-grants.

A soccer fan, Diann played for UC Santa Barbara, one of the youngest fully licensed coaches in California, and played in a state cup championship. At 40, she earned a black belt in karate and her first degree three years later. Diann is an enthusiastic traveler committed to visiting every continent.

Diann and her husband Ron have lived in the Sacramento area since 1996. In the Spring of 2021, son Andrew and his wife Maggie gave Diann and Ron their first grandchild.

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**Mary Liu**

Mary Yin Liu is a business owner of Golden Arch Enterprises which operates 21 McDonald's restaurants in Sacramento, Yolo, and Solano Counties. She served as the first female and minority President of the Northern California McDonald's Operators Association after she was elected to serve in the position by her fellow operators. With her managers and husband Harris Liu, their restaurant teams donate thousands of meals each year to local charities, shelters and those in need. Through her work with Ronald McDonald House Charities, she has raised over \$1 million to support over a dozen nonprofit organizations with student scholarship funds in the Greater Sacramento area.

Prior to her career in McDonald's, she worked as an attorney for eight years, and prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases as a Deputy District Attorney in Yolo and Solano Counties. She was elected Vice-President of the Solano County Women Lawyers Association, and served on the Yolo County Planning Commission for five years.

In 2016, Mary started the nonprofit Thriving Pink which provides a network of meaningful support and resources for those impacted by breast cancer. Thriving Pink provides educational workshops, support groups, financial grants and peer mentors for those who are newly diagnosed. She is inspired by this Pink Team of dedicated volunteers, many who want to help others through the same journey they have experienced.

She also serves as the National President for Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA), a local and national nonprofit organization with 41 volunteer-driven chapters across the country dedicated to the mission to advance API communities through increased leadership and civic engagement. In May 2021, Mary donated her time and resources to help organize 18 "Unity Against Hate" nationwide rallies across the country, including a rally at the Sacramento State Capitol with diverse partnerships from hundreds of partnering organizations. She also flew to Washington, D.C. to lead a rally in Freedom Plaza with community leaders and public officials standing together against Asian hate crimes. This year, Mary is working with APAPA leadership teams to advocate for Asian American history to be included and taught in all K-12 public schools in every state. She greatly appreciates her parents, CC & Regina Yin, the founders of APAPA, all the chapter and headquarter leadership teams, and student interns for their steadfast commitment to serve our diverse communities.

Mary and her husband Harris enjoy spending quality time with their two sons Jack (23) and Ryan Liu (21). She also supports and manages the Yin Ranch, a special and unique property in Vacaville, California, which her parents CC and Regina Yin are planning to dedicate to benefit the community as a California Asian American Cultural Center.



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**Joan M. Lubamersky**

Joan Lubamersky is a tireless public servant with decades of service and dedication to her community. She began her career in San Francisco working for a member of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall. After a few years, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the Office of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior. She then returned to California and City Hall to work for the Chief Administrative Officer.

She is proud of her work on countless projects ranging from the relocation of City Hall during seismic retrofit, recruitment of many top executives, creation of both the Neighborhood Beautification Program and a being on the team that developed a website to allow for online donations to the City after an emergency. She received a Mayor's Fiscal Advisory Committee Certificate of Merit for managerial excellence and achievement.

As Joan excelled in her career, she also ran for City Council in the City of Larkspur. She served on the Council for many years and became a four-term Mayor. For Joan, the most fun part of being Mayor was riding in the Fourth of July parade – her mother, siblings, children and others always rode in the back of a pickup truck with her. She also dedicated time on the Marin County Planning Commission, where she served as Chair.

In 2012, she began working for the State Assembly with then-newly-elected Assemblymember Marc Levine. In her nine years serving the North Bay, she has enjoyed helping constituents and engaging with the community that she's loved for years. And she continues to do so to this day.

A San Francisco native, she is a big fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, naturally. She is a graduate of Redwood High School, where she enjoyed being co-editorial editor of the Bark newspaper. In 2014, she was named to the Redwood High School Avenue of Giants of Distinguished Alumni. Joan majored in History and minored in English at the University of San Francisco and served as editorial editor of the USF Foghorn.



# Heath Flora

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**Janet Selover**

Janet founded Professional Billing and Management Services, Inc (PBMS) in 1987. Long before starting her business, Janet grew up in the "professional environment" of her father's dental practice, which was managed by her mother in their hometown of Turlock. She was surrounded by this entrepreneurial spirit and believes she has always had the same essence and motivation. Her first-grade teacher told her mother that if she had allowed Janet, she would have taken over the entire class. After college, she managed two orthopedic practices. In 1987, she became a single mother of two young daughters and realized that their future was in her hands. Janet's desire to provide for her family, coupled with her strong leadership skills, knowledge of the billing field, and unique perspective on how a billing and management company should be managed eventually led her to establish PBMS.

When she created PBMS, Janet wanted the very best billing service available. Her philosophy has always been customer-focused: "Relationship, relationship, relationship...it's all about trust. I call it trustability." She is forward-thinking and always looking for ways to improve results for clients, whether through technology, provider education, or internal/external processes. By embracing constant changes and the cutting edge of technology, has made PBMS a leader in their industry. PBMS has grown from a "mom-and-mom" type business to a more corporate environment while still trying to maintain the "family" feel. Janet started with one employee servicing two physicians, and her business has grown to over 75 employees who serve over 300 physicians and medical providers nationwide. In addition, PBMS is a female-centered business with 95% women employees; Janet believes in a hand-up, not a hand-out, and believes in growing talent and skills from within the company. Janet is very grateful for her success, which has made it possible to make a difference in many women's lives, and she is very proud of this accomplishment. If you ask any of her employees, they will say that she is always there to help them financially and otherwise, should they need it. Today the PBMS family is comprised of a talented management team and highly skilled experts in coding, medical billing, account receivable, enrollments, and auditing, all of whom are leaders in this industry. The combination of all the above has produced 35 successful years for PBMS. Along with this success, Janet is most proud of her two wonderful daughters and their great husbands who have given her five beautiful grandchildren. She is excited about the future of her family and excited about the new expansion of PBMS later this year.

Janet currently serves on two boards of the Healthcare Billing and Management Association (HBMA). She is also on the advisory board of ADP Advanced MD Software and participates in BETA testing for their new products. She has been a member of the Modesto Rotary Club, a board member for the Hospice Foundation, and very active in the local community.

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**Julia Conover**

It is an honor to nominate Julia Conover, a Gold Star Mother, and Founder of Wreaths Across America – Tracy California Chapter. Julia along with other mothers of fallen soldiers decided many years ago, that they would bring the program to the public cemetery in Tracy California. For the last eight years, she has been working to carry out the mission of Wreaths Across America to honor our veterans and teach our children the value of our veterans by placing wreaths on the headstones of our fallen heroes.

Julia Conover's 20-year-old son, Brandon Dewey, was killed in combat in Iraq, and through her work with Wreaths Across America, she continues to honor her son and others every day. Because of her ongoing commitment to honor and remember our veterans and her commitment to helping other families of fallen soldiers in our community, I am nominating her as my Assembly District 13, 2022 Woman of the Year Honoree.



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**Caitlin Sly**

Caitlin Sly has spent her career fighting hunger in Contra Costa County. After 12 years with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano she joined Meals on Wheels Diablo Region as Executive Director in January 2020. Guiding the organization through the COVID-19 pandemic, she was able to expand programs and create new initiatives that help provide more food to low-income seniors in our community.

Caitlin currently serves on the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels California, the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau. She is committed to advocating on behalf of underserved elders so that they can remain healthy and independent.

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**Alysa Liu**

Alysa Liu is a history maker. The figure skating phenom from Richmond, California, started skating when she was five years old, and quickly rose through the skating ranks. And she has been setting records ever since – this year she was the youngest athlete on Team USA at the Winter Olympics in Beijing.

Liu became the youngest female to win the U.S. Championships at the age of 13. She also became the youngest female skater to land a triple Axel in the U.S. Championships and the third female to do so at the event. In August 2019, she became the first U.S. female to land a quadruple jump (quad Lutz) in competition. And, at the age of 16, Liu was chosen to represent the U.S. in the 2022 Winter Olympics.

Preparing for her first Olympics during a pandemic came with unprecedented challenges, but Liu set a remarkable example by being open about how critical maintaining her mental health – through regular therapy – has been to her growth as an athlete. During the pandemic, Liu had to train alone at Oakland Ice, putting on her skates outside the rink and sometimes going through her routines in the park. But she credits the experience as giving her a better outlook on skating and life: “I used to be stressed and nervous and scared. My goal now is just to do a good program for myself.”

Liu was born on August 8, 2005 in Clovis, California, and is the oldest of five children. She has a younger sister named Selina and triplet siblings named Julia, Joshua and Justin. Her father, Arthur, is a single father and an immigration attorney in Oakland.

Off the ice, Alysa enjoys watching movies, going to the beach, riding her bike, dancing, and playing tag with her younger siblings. Liu is also an active member of the Youth Court in Oakland, California, where she helps mentor underage children with criminal records.

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**Dr. Sara Kennedy**

It is my pleasure to submit Dr. Sara Kennedy as the 16<sup>th</sup> Assembly District's 2022 Woman of the Year.

Dr. Sara Kennedy is Chief Operating Officer and Chief Medical Officer at Planned Parenthood Northern California. She is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist with specialized training in Family Planning and Clinical Research. As COO/CMO, Dr. Kennedy oversees all operational and clinical aspects of health care delivered in PPNorCal's 17 health centers across Northern California.

Dr. Kennedy has her Master of Public Health, and her primary interest is in providing organizational leadership centered on health equity to improve public health outcomes. During her tenure at PPNorCal, Dr. Kennedy spearheaded a statewide collaborative project with California Department of Public Health and the seven California Planned Parenthood affiliates to prevent congenital syphilis.

Dr. Kennedy serves as an Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association delegate to the California Medical Association House of Delegates and is an American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District IX Committee Member on State Legislation, advocating for legislation that will positively impact the health of communities. Dr. Kennedy is also a trained forensic medical examiner for refugees seeking asylum from sexual violence and torture. Prior to joining PPNorCal, she founded the Gynecology and Sexual Violence Division of the Human Rights Clinic at Alameda County Medical System. She lives in Lafayette with her husband and three children.

Dr. Kennedy is proud to help lead PPNorCal, recognizing the organization and its team members as critical to improving public health outcomes in under-resourced communities across Northern California. As inequities continue to increase across the United States, specifically in the area of sexual and reproductive health care, PPNorCal is determined to care for the Northern California community and beyond.



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**LaNiece Jones**

LaNiece spent over 15 years working in corporate sales and marketing roles at Businessland, Citicorp, IBM, AT&T/Comcast. In 1991, she founded *lajones&associates*, a marketing public relations and events firm, which specializes in organizational strategy, electoral campaigns, and community organizing. The Oakland native attended Oakland public schools. She earned her bachelor's degree from CSU Hayward and master's degree from Pepperdine University in Los Angeles in Social Entrepreneurship & Change.

LaNiece is passionate about designing programs, events, and initiatives to increase the efficiency and productivity for social business, social enterprises, and community organizations. Her particular interest is supporting Black women to be authentic leaders and building coalitions to empower the community-at-large for economic success.

LaNiece serves as the Executive Director of Peralta Colleges Foundation where she is charged with raising student scholarship funds for deserving students of Laney College, Merritt College, College of Alameda, and Berkeley City College. Since 1995, LaNiece has served in the volunteer capacity as BWOPA/TILE's statewide Executive Director. She held the role of President of Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club (MGO) for three years, is an appointed member on the KQED Community Advisory Panel, and a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Xi Gamma Omega Chapter (Oakland). LaNiece serves as a presiding co-chair of Congresswoman Barbara Lee's political advisory committee. Congresswoman Lee also appointed LaNiece as one of California's 55 Presidential Electoral College voters in December 2020. LaNiece is a member of the African American Sports and Entertainment Group (AASEG) partnership to reimagine and transform the Oakland Coliseum footprint. Most recently, Attorney General Rob Bonta appointed LaNiece to serve as a California delegate. Assemblymember Mia Bonta celebrates LaNiece's work and achievements.

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**Cynthia Choi**

Cynthia Choi (she/her) is the Co-Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action, a community based civil rights organization committed to protecting the dignity and fair treatment of all immigrants and fulfilling the promise of a multi-racial democracy. Cynthia is also co-founder of Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition addressing anti-Asian racism across the U.S. Cynthia has over 30 years of experience working in the nonprofit sector and over 20 years serving in leadership positions. She has led local, state and national community based organizations and initiatives working on a range of issues from reproductive justice, gender violence, violence prevention, immigrant/refugee rights and environmental justice issues. She is a daughter of immigrants, raising three daughters of her own and is deeply committed to creating a world that is socially just.

Cynthia was recently named to the TIME100 List of Most Influential People in 2021 and Bloomberg 50: The People and Ideas That Defined Global Business in 2021, Webby Social Justice Movement of The Year recipient, along with Stop AAPI Hate cofounders. She has been featured in The Washington Post, The New York Times, Associated Press, PBS NewsHour, The Guardian, The Los Angeles Times, BBC, CNN, NPR, USA Today, and other major news outlets.

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**Laurel Quirk**

Laurel has a long history of volunteer work. She has always made a point of getting involved to help run the organizations in which she is active. She was treasurer for both the Youth Orchestra of Southern Alameda County and the Oakland Youth Orchestra and served as secretary for her neighborhood association in Hayward where she worked to successfully develop a consensus between residents and the City of Hayward to rebuild the streets. Laurel is currently serving as treasurer for the Hayward Rotary Club, which raises money to provide community grants to improve the lives of the people of Hayward.

Laurel serves as president of the Resident Council of the Acacia Creek Retirement Community where she and Assemblymember Quirk reside. While serving in this capacity, she has accomplished many things including: establishing the first ever audit of Acacia Creek finances, advocating for the residents with management, pivoting to meetings via zoom and the in-house broadcast channels, and offering an informative speaker series.

While Laurel has served as president of the Resident Council, they sponsored a first ever "Street Faire" as a fundraiser for the staff fund and in 2020 distributed \$60,000 to the team members – a 40% increase over the prior year. In 2021, they again distributed \$60,000.

Laurel had an incredibly successful career as an insurance underwriting manager for thirty-five years at one of the largest financial institutions in the world. At the time she finished her career she had risen to the position of corporate vice-president. Her job required analyzing the finances of large and small corporations. She underwrote and priced international and domestic casualty insurance programs for some of the largest multinational companies in the country. Laurel both understands good management practices and knows her way around a balance sheet.

Finally, the Assemblymember is extremely grateful for the 10 years she has sacrificed to allow her husband to pursue his dream of improving the lives of the people of California.



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**Sima Asadi MD**

Dr. Sima Asadi has practiced pediatric medicine in the underserved communities of Merced County for 20-plus years, chairing the Mercy Medical Center Department of Pediatrics and serving as medical director for the Merced Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery and as a staff pediatrician for the Merced Neonatal IC of Valley Children's Hospital. As COVID-19 vaccinations became available, she organized clinics for schools in outlying communities such as Snelling, Le Grand and Planada. Within weeks, she had given more than 3,500 vaccinations to educators and 1,000 to senior residents. Fiercely devoted to the community's children, Dr. Asadi testified about the "physical, emotional, mental, cognitive and nutritional" dangers facing children who could not attend schools and advocated for their safe reopening. She has been the voice of reason as our region has fought to keep its children safe from disease while simultaneously insuring their overall well-being. She lives in Merced with her husband Ahmad Foroutan and her children Anahita, Roxanna and Kourosh.

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**Kitty Lopez**

Kitty Lopez has served as the executive director of First 5 San Mateo County since 2013, focusing on strategic investing, community leadership, policy and advocacy development for young children, 0-5, and their families. Since 1998, First 5 San Mateo County has worked to improve the lives of children in the areas of health, education, and building strong families. Since its inception, First 5 San Mateo County has invested more than \$150 million in local programs and has served nearly 100,000 children from birth through age five. Each year, more than 8,000 parents and primary caregivers receive First 5 San Mateo County-funded services.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, First 5 has played a key role in partnering and stewarding efforts to support young children, families, and early care providers through flexible funding; engagement in San Mateo County's Emergency Child Care Response Team; helping to facilitate emergency supplies from First 5 CA and other state agencies to over 300 child care providers; co-hosting virtual forums and informational sessions with county partners and agencies for both providers and parents of young children. With key county leaders and partners, the Child Care Response Team was able to distribute \$5.3 million to 287 childcare programs during the pandemic; supporting over 8,000 children.

Kitty has served as co-chair of the Advisory Body for Build Up for San Mateo County Children's Initiative with San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine since 2018. This initiative was established to preserve, grow, and increase the number of early care sites in San Mateo County.

Kitty previously served as the executive director of Samaritan House, one of San Mateo County's leading Core Service Agencies and safety-net nonprofits serving low-income families and individuals with food, shelter, clothing, health care, counseling, education classes, and holiday assistance from 2002 to 2013. During her tenure at Samaritan House, she led a capital campaign to raise over \$6 million for a new building to house the kitchen, case management, and administrative offices. The agency staff grew from 14 to nearly 80 with a budget increase of \$2 million to nearly \$10 million at her departure.

Kitty taught kindergarten, second grade, and high school in southern California and San Francisco and was a consultant in schools with children who have autism and special needs. Additionally, Kitty worked in a residential substance abuse treatment center in San Francisco and psychiatric hospital for children and youth in San Diego.

She attended University of California Santa Barbara earning a California Teaching Credential and B.A. in Psychology. Kitty is active in her community serving on several community boards including HEART (Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County), STEP (Success Through Education Program), and past president and current member of the San Mateo Rotary Club. She is currently serving as the newly elected chair of the First 5 Association of California.

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**Jamelia Hinds**

Jamelia Hinds survived 12 years of human trafficking as a domestic servant in the home of a Fresno County woman. She was trafficked from Belize at the age of 12 and has currently been free for 11 years. In that short time, she secured a Trafficking Visa, graduated with her GED and began work in advocacy.

Jamelia has engaged in public speaking at local, regional, statewide and national events - integrating her experience and lending its application to the anti-trafficking movement.

She initiated the first survivor support group in the greater Fresno-area and continues to collaborate with numerous Community Benefit Organizations including the role of Survivor Leadership with Breaking the Chains. She was also a survivor coordinator for MadeForThem and has participated as a consultant with the Prevention and Addressing Child Trafficking Project (PACT) since 2014. Jamelia recently received her United States citizenship - a dream of hers since she was 16 years old.

Jamelia, a mom of two children who were also a part of her trafficking situation shares, "my babies are my everything and they motivate me every day to move forward and stay strong. Today I have my citizenship, something I thought would never happen, but I never gave up hope. Now I'm on the next chapter in my life with my kids by my side and with the support of my survivor sisters."



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**Lisa Gauthier**

Lisa Gauthier, Vice President of Partner Success at the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, is an elected Council Member and former two-time Mayor of the City of East Palo Alto in the 24th Assembly District.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, which disproportionately impacted the members of her community, Lisa went above and beyond to do everything she could to meet the daily needs of her constituents. In addition to her professional and city council duties, Lisa was an almost daily fixture at the nightly meal distribution at the Boys & Girls Club site in East Palo Alto. In addition, she worked closely with public and private entities to bring vaccine clinics into East Palo Alto, helping increase awareness and alleviate concerns that residents had about getting the vaccine and making it as easy as possible for people to get vaccinated.

Lisa is an active board member with the Health Trust, Live in Peace, the City and County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services, Stanford Medicine Community Council, San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency, and the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority. She is a graduate of Emerge, a leadership program for democratic women, and a Regional Area Director for Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA). Lisa was awarded the Athena Award from the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce in 2018 and was one of the recipients of the of Silicon Valley's 100 Women of Influence award for 2020 by Silicon Valley Business Journal.

Lisa, who has experience in the Education Technology, BioTech, Technology, and Venture Capital Industries, earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with a focus in general management from Thomas Edison University in 2019. She is the proud mother of three young adults, a longtime resident of East Palo Alto, and an active community volunteer.

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**Karena Shackelford**

As the City Manager, Karena Shackelford oversees the day-to-day operations of the City of Fremont. Serving as Chief Executive Officer, she is responsible for providing leadership and direction to City staff and providing information, advice, and assistance to City Council. She is also responsible for public relations, the City budget, and ensuring operations function efficiently.

Karena has over 20 years of experience in local government, of which 15 have been serving the City of Fremont. Under her leadership in Fremont, she has completed several complex projects on time and within budget.

Before becoming Fremont's City Manager, Karena served as Assistant City Manager for three years, where she had oversight of Public Works, Information Technology Services, and Community Services. Prior to her role as Assistant City Manager, Karena served as Deputy City Manager, where she had oversight of the City Clerk's Office legislative affairs, communications, organizational development, and City Council relations. In addition to her work in the City Manager's Office, Karena has served as Interim Chief Technology Services Director, Interim Public Works Director, Deputy Public Works Director, Deputy Director of Maintenance and Business Manager. Karena also works closely with the City's budget and labor relations teams.

Karena holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from San Jose State University, and a Master of Business Administration from Saint Mary's College. She is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

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#### **Donna Hefner**

Donna Hefner, MSN, MSHS, is the CEO and president of the Sierra View Local Healthcare District (SVLHCD) and was appointed to the role in 2013. The health care district serves a population of more than 100,000 through the Sierra View Medical Center hospital and various inpatient and outpatient service lines in the Southeastern region of Tulare County within California's Central Valley.

Growing up in Tulare County, Hefner began her health care career in the hospital environment and has more than 30 years of nursing and leadership experience. Her California-based education includes a Masters in Health Sciences (MSHS) from Trident University International out of Cypress, Calif., and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She received her Associate of Science in Registered Nursing (AS) from the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif.

Leadership roles and responsibilities at Sierra View Medical Center have included oversight of various clinical departments, including executive director of Risk Management and Employee Safety, interim vice president of Patient Care Services, and director of Surgical Services and Ambulatory Surgery. Hefner's extended leadership commitments include membership in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). She is currently the chairperson of the District Hospital Leadership Forum (DHLF) based in Sacramento, Calif., council chair of the BETA Council, and a Rotary International service organization member. She has occupied other roles at the BETA Council and she has been the Tulare/Kings section chair of the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California.

Known for her resilience, flexibility, and keen professional acumen, Hefner places an emphasis on growing relationships. She is a transformational leader with a servant's heart. Hefner gracefully leverages her strengths in attention to detail and a visionary view of what care could become to improve health care offerings in the area. A key focus for Hefner is to help strengthen the next generation of California health professionals.

As a rural health leader, Hefner is committed to improving health care in several communities. Based in Porterville, services also benefit the communities of Springville, Terra Bella, Ducor, Strathmore, Lindsay, Poplar, Woodville, Earlimart, Richgrove, and Exeter.

During the pandemic, Hefner has been continually flexible and forward-thinking. Her ability to pivot and think on her feet has allowed her to lead the way in helping the health care district align with quickly-changing state and federal guidelines. Tulare County was hard-hit by the pandemic and there have been several surges in the area. As of February 2022, Sierra View Medical Center has delivered care to nearly 3,000 COVID-19 positive patients. To supplement the global efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, the hospital has collaborated with Imperial Ambulance, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency and the City of Porterville for a layered approach to delivering vaccines involving incentives. Since May of 2021, Sierra View Medical Center's Community Vaccination Clinic in partnership with Imperial Ambulance, has administered nearly 25,000 COVID-19 vaccines to local Tulare County residents.

Hefner continues living in Tulare County with her husband, Brad. They have two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. Beyond health care, Hefner's interests include agriculture and raising cattle. She enjoys the outdoors in the foothill community she calls home.



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**Betty Duong**

Betty Duong serves as program manager for the County of Santa Clara Vietnamese American Service Center (VASC), overseeing service coordination, program design, facility management, and operations. Betty has staffed the development of the VASC since 2013 and was appointed as lead in April 2021.

Prior to joining the VASC leadership team, Betty served the County's residents in a number of roles. Betty was the interim division supervisor for the Division of Equity & Social Justice and previously led the County's Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE). During the COVID-19 pandemic, Betty was a lead public information officer managing all communications on behalf of the County's Emergency Operations Center. In 2016, Betty took a personal leave of absence from the County to manage the successful Measure A \$950 million housing bond campaign.

Betty received a Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Davis King Hall School of Law, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Asian American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a proud graduate of De Anza College. Betty is licensed to practice law in the State of California.

Starting February 22, 2022, Betty will be serving in a new role as chief of staff to Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez.

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**Marico Sayoc**

Marico Sayoc is a community advocate that has dedicated her career to making positive impacts on social and environmental justice issues. In addition to serving on the Town Council of Los Gatos, she is the executive director of CASSY, Counseling and Support Services for Youth, a nonprofit that partners with Bay Area schools to provide resources and professional, on-campus mental health services to students free of charge. CASSY's mission is to destigmatize mental health services and make supporting students' social and emotional well-being the norm in our local schools.

Marico enjoys working in the community and learning firsthand of the gaps in our safety nets so that she can better advocate and legislate the policies necessary to lift the lives of those in need. Marico was first elected to the Los Gatos Town Council in 2014 and is proud to represent Los Gatos in regional and state policy issues. She previously served as mayor of Los Gatos in 2017 and again in 2021. She was elected by her peers to serve as the president of the League of California Cities, Peninsula Division in 2020 and currently serves as the president of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.

Marico began her career working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and spent many years in the environmental field, also working for the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment and the Natural Resources Defense Council. Marico holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from U.C. Berkeley and a Master's in Environmental Management from Duke University.

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**Maureen McCarty**

As the district director for Assemblymember Mark Stone, Maureen McCarty has served the constituents of the 29th Assembly District for well over a decade. In that time Maureen has exhibited an elusive professional combination of drive, compassion, and patience that not only benefits her community but also inspires a positive workplace where her colleagues thrive.

Maureen started her career in public service as a Field Representative for Senator Quentin Kopp in 1994. She jumped in, feet-first, representing the Senator at town hall events and fundraisers, writing and delivering speeches on his behalf, and proactively engaging the constituents of South San Francisco. Maureen took a hiatus from legislative work but she returned to field work for Senator Joe Simitian in 2006.

Through her work for Senator Simitian in his Santa Cruz office, Maureen met then-Supervisor Mark Stone who hired her as Chief of Staff in 2011. Mr. Stone saw in Maureen what her peers and constituents saw: a person who is truly committed to the service of others. Maureen is driven by resolving constituent issues ranging from pandemic unemployment claims and supporting victims devastated by the CZU fire to visiting DMV field offices to investigate local wait times and working with the UC Office of the President to correct admissions errors. She is passionate about making government more accessible and work better for people in Santa Cruz, a community she's dedicated her life to for the past 25 years.

The middle child of an Irish-Catholic family of 12, Maureen grew up in Redlands, California and received a dual undergraduate degree in International Relations and French from University of San Francisco. She studied politics and French literature at L'Académie d' Aix-Marseille in southern France for two years. Maureen married Peter Goodman, a business consultant, in 2001 and they are raising their 15 year old daughter, Murphy, in Aptos.

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**Erica Padilla-Chavez**

Erica Padilla-Chavez was born in Watsonville, CA, and graduated from Watsonville High School. She attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Master of Public Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. She is also an alum of the University of Southern California's Behavioral Health Solutions Leadership Institute.

Erica's career has embodied a commitment to the advancement of opportunities for all people. Erica has a history of facilitating collaborations that can affect positive changes in communities to advance health and wellness. Currently she serves as the CEO of Pajaro Valley Prevention & Student Assistance, Inc., an organization that provides behavioral health and youth prevention services to over 7,000 youth and their families in the Pajaro Valley. During this pandemic, Erica convened and led a collective group of over thirty nonprofit and governmental organizations named the South County COVID Triage Group. This effort has resulted in reducing the disproportionate impact of death and illness in the Pajaro Valley due to COVID. Under her leadership, this group has organized efforts to address the most pressing needs of impacted people including financial assistance, housing retention, behavioral health supports and legal supports. Most notably, her contributions to collective work have led to community-wide efforts to advance system change in the pursuit of equitable opportunities and wellness for all. This is important in addressing barriers faced by families and youth in the Pajaro Valley due to economic and social conditions

Aside from her professional work, Erica has a long history of providing public service in higher education. For the last twelve years, she has served as a Trustee for Hartnell College, located in Salinas. As one of the oldest community colleges in California, Hartnell is dedicated to advancing the next generation of leaders from the Salinas Valley, "the Salad Bowl of the World". Recognizing the need to increase access to educational opportunities in the Salinas Valley, as Board President, Erica led efforts to pass a multi-million-dollar bond to develop new higher education centers for students across the rural district. New educational centers have been developed in the communities of Soledad and Castroville while also renovating and expanding existing infrastructure. Erica takes pride in sharing her talents to advance opportunities for children, youth, and families. She recognizes that her spirit was influenced at an early age by her immigrant parents, whom she witnessed give to others through various community efforts, despite their own adversities. Erica believes that true public service is defined as rendering 'service above self,' a motto that she strives to live by.

Erica is married to Alejandro Chavez, a city councilmember in the City of Soledad, and they have two children, Emileo and Maya Padilla-Chavez. They live in Soledad, CA, and have established a fund called the Tolerance and Acceptance Fund at the Community Foundation of Monterey County. Funds raised are used to support activities that foster cross cultural and personal understanding and acceptance of diverse people, ideas, beliefs, and traditions.



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**Dr. Tania Pacheco-Werner**

Dr. Tania Pacheco-Werner is co-director at the Central Valley Health Policy Institute at Fresno State. Dr. Pacheco-Werner is also a member of the California Air Resources Board and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. She is a medical sociologist by training and received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Pacheco-Werner is the co-creator of the COVID-19 Equity Project in Fresno County, which uses the community health worker model and leverages partnerships with local medical partners and governments to provide a comprehensive pandemic response to those most vulnerable in the community. Her organization has trained over 130 community health workers to do COVID testing and vaccination outreach. In partnership with Fresno Building Healthy Communities and other local community-based organizations, the project has distributed over \$1.6 million dollars in direct isolation and quarantine supports to immigrant and refugee communities. The curriculum for this model has also been adapted in other counties.

A health policy researcher by training; her focus is on the neighborhood effects on health. She has published articles on the effects of air quality on maternal-child health. In addition, she has policy publications on the relationship between air quality mitigation and residential segregation. She is an expert in community engagement for policy efforts, most recently as part of the executive committee of the Fresno economic equity initiative "DRIVE" (Developing the Region's Inclusive and Vibrant Economy).

Dr. Pacheco-Werner is a Mexican immigrant who grew up in the Central Valley. She hopes her work helps ground policy in the everyday practical challenges faced by communities in California. She lives with her husband and son in Sanger, California.

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**Raji Kaur Brar**

Born and raised in the Central Valley, Brar is a first-generation Sikh American. Her parents immigrated to the United States from Punjab, India. She was born in Fresno County, where her parents started their life in the States working in the fields as farmworkers. In high school she was involved in various clubs, played for the soccer team, and was elected as Student Body Secretary during her Junior and Senior years. She went on to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Master of Science in Health Care Administration from CSU Bakersfield. After College, she worked as a Chemist for BC Laboratories. Today, along with her family, she owns Countryside Corporation, which has a Construction & Real Estate Development division and operates various franchises (Subway, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Countryside Markets, Me-nEds Pizzeria, Countryside Car Wash and Shell Gas Stations). They employ over 450 people throughout Kern and Tulare Counties and have been in business for over 30 years.

In the past Brar has had the privilege of being the first Sikh Women ever elected to a City Council Seat in the State of California.

In 2006, she was elected to the Arvin City Council. Due to this historic achievement, she was named "Woman of the Year" by the California State Senate. Brar is a three-time Gubernatorial Appointee and currently serves on various boards; CVRWQC Board, Kern Medical Hospital Authority, Kern High School Foundation, KERO Channel 23 Community Advisory Board, Advisory Board for Kern Venture Group and President of CSUB Foundation. In the past, Brar has served on various boards such as the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Farmworker Institute for Education and Leadership, Bakersfield Police Community Advisory Panel, Subway's Marketing Board and others.

Of all the boards she serves on, the one dearest to her heart is the Bakersfield Sikh Women's Association, which is a nonprofit she co-founded. The mission of the association is to give back to the community through their various programs; *Kaur Care*, which is a partnership with community hospitals and the public health department to provide free health, cervical and breast cancer screenings as well as COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. They also have created a toll free first of its kind Bi-Lingual (Punjabi/English) Resource Line, *You Are Not Alone*, which partners with the Family Justice Center, DA's office, and the Police Department to help folks in crisis access the resources they need. The Sikh Women's Association's *Seva Scholarship* initiative gives out needs-based scholarships to deserving students throughout Kern County. Since its inception in March of 2015, the Women's Association has given out over \$150,000 in scholarships. Brar is constantly thinking of ways to grow and develop her family businesses. She stays active in community endeavors, and she is committed to being of service to her community. She is happily married to her college sweetheart and husband of over 20 years, and loves being a mother to her two boys Davin, Dylan and her daughter Imanni!

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**Sheila Rose Bath**

Sheila is the successful business owner and operator of Advance Disposal located in the city of Hesperia. She and her family relocated to the high desert in 1965 where her father and mother, Bob & Donna Bath, started the family business, Advance Disposal. Her Dad worked days cleaning pools in Palm Springs and at night he picked up refuse in the high desert community. Sheila started working alongside her parents in the mid 1970's and they taught her all about the refuse business. Sheila knew how to drive the big trucks, and she learned critical leadership and negotiation skills as well.

As a successful woman working in a male dominated field, Sheila is highly respected in the refuse industry because of her knowledge of the business and her leadership in both the industry and her community. Sheila and Advance Disposal are members of the San Bernardino/Riverside County Refuse Association where Sheila previously served on the Board of Directors. Additionally, she is a member of the California Refuse Removal Council of Southern California. She also served on the High Desert Soroptimist organization for many years.

Sheila has been a strong supporter of her community. An example of her support includes the annual Hesperia Unified School District Art Competition where students are taught about the importance of recycling. The winner's final art project is then enlarged, duplicated and wrapped on the side of the refuse trucks for the entire year and the winner's art is recognized and introduced during the Hesperia Days Parade. Over the last several years, Sheila has been a strong supporter of many non-profit organizations in the high desert. She has consistently provided support to the Today's Woman Foundation, Rock'n Our Disabilities, Kairos Prison Ministry, Victor Valley Bicycle Tour and many other high desert organizations.

Sheila lives in the high desert with her husband, Arthur Rivera. She has two adult sons, Jake & Matthew. Both are married to her beautiful daughters-in-laws, Meghan and Savanah. She has one granddaughter and one great granddaughter. Sheila would like to first and foremost, thank her Lord and Savior, for providing her with the gift of the business and the wisdom and strength to manage it. Additionally, she credits her parents with her training, however, her hard work and tenacity has made her successful in her own right.

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**Cassie Wright**

As a business leader, philanthropist and community advocate, Cassie Wright is especially deserving of being named the 2022 Woman of the Year for the 34<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Cassie is the former owner of Bill Wright Toyota and North Bakersfield Toyota. Cassie generously contributes to multiple charitable organizations that enhance and enrich our community.

Given her depth of appreciation for first responders and their families, Cassie brought 911 At Ease International to Kern County to provide free mental health services for first responders.

Cassie is a Kern County native, having attended Bakersfield High School and CSU Bakersfield. Cassie's entrepreneurial spirit led her to learn every aspect of the car dealership industry and she eventually became general manager of Bill Wright Toyota, becoming only the 30<sup>th</sup> female dealer in Toyota's history, taking over for her father, Bill. Cassie and her husband then established North Bakersfield Toyota, which created jobs for local residents.

Cassie also carries on the giving spirit of her father through The Wright Family Foundation. They have generously given to nonprofit organizations such as Hoffman Hospice, the Kern County Cancer Fund, Garden Pathways, the Boys and Girls Club and City Serve.

Kern County families will be served by a new state-of-the-art neonatal intensive care unit at Mercy Southwest Hospital because of Cassie's generosity.

Most recently, Cassie was the driving force behind bringing 911 At Ease International to Kern County. This program is growing nationwide and provides first responders and their family members with access to free, professional, confidential, local, trauma-informed counseling and therapy. These services give renewed freedom and strength to first responders to be their best selves. Cassie's enduring commitment to prioritize first responders has already made a significant impact in Kern County.

It is an honor to recognize Cassie Wright as Assembly District 34's Woman of the Year in 2022.



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**JoAnn Switzer**

JoAnn Switzer has been involved with the California Mid-State Fair in a variety of roles over the past 75 years, including her service as a member of the Board of Directors, her position as livestock superintendent, and as a participant when she was 10 years old at the first incarnation of the fair. She has contributed extensively to the agriculture industry at the local and state levels of government over the course of her lifetime.

JoAnn's history with the California Mid-State Fair goes back to the events inception. The first Mid-State Fair took place in 1946, just months after the conclusion of World War II. That September, Switzer exhibited the Grand Champion Lamb, and would go on to win Grand Champion Steer the following six years. However, exhibiting livestock was only the beginning of her relationship with the fair.

JoAnn served on the Fair Board for eight years from 1986 to 1994, and then in 2004, she became the livestock superintendent and served in that position for 17 years until her retirement in the summer of 2021. She displayed a quality of leadership worthy of recognition while mentoring thousands of youth livestock exhibitors in the county and state, including her own children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Among her numerous accomplishments include the creation of the first Cattlemen and Farmers Day at the fair alongside Dick Nock in 1987. The highly anticipated event continues to bring together agriculture families each year, during which the Cattlemen, Cattlewoman, and Agriculturist of the Year Awards are presented. Additionally, she served as both the secretary and the treasurer for the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association and was the first woman to receive the Cattleman of the Year award, in 1992.

A steward of American tradition, JoAnn has worked tirelessly over her 75 years of involvement to ensure that the California agriculture industry continues to flourish. Through her support of the California Mid-State Fair and the entire Central Coast community she has proven to be a valuable asset, mentor, and friend to many; that has contributed to success of the State of California.

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**TOM LACKEY**

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**Monique Mischeaux**

Monique Mischeaux was born in San Francisco, California to a family of law enforcement, military, and medical professionals. She has family members in the California Highway Patrol, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Sacramento Police Department, San Francisco Police Department, Oakland Police Department, Elk Grove Police Department, United States Air Force, and United States Army. Community service and helping others was ingrained at an early age and carried on through her academic career. Her family relocated to the Antelope Valley in 1993, and Monique graduated from Quartz Hill High School in 1999. She attended and received her Bachelor of Art, Psychology, from the University of California, Riverside in 2003. While at UCR, Monique was a youth counselor for the National Youth Sports Program working with "at-risk" youth. Monique received her letter to attend the California Highway Patrol Academy in August of 2005. She was married to Marcus Breshers in 2007. They have three children; Jeremiah, age 11, and twins Madison and Jacob, age 7.

Officer Mischeaux, graduated from the CHP Academy on February 24, 2006, and reported to the West Los Angeles Area CHP office. While assigned to the West Los Angeles Area, she not only worked patrol but also served as the Southern Division Watch Officer at the Los Angeles Communications Center. She also served as the Officer in Charge (OIC) in the field.

In 2009, she was assigned to the background investigator – Southern Division Investigative Services Unit. Following that assignment and due to her excellent communication skills, she was assigned as the WLA public information officer (PIO).

In 2013, she transferred to the Antelope Valley (AV) Area office, where she was able to patrol the community she grew up in and currently lives. She continued her duties as a patrol officer and as an OIC.

In October of 2019, she was assigned as the Antelope Valley Area Public Information Officer. She was once again responsible for organizing the Department's safety education programs and bringing them to the community.

A couple of Monique's strong points are her caring communication and empathy. Her handling of very difficult situations like the death of Officer Ornelas truly highlighted why she was the right choice to be the public information officer for the Antelope Valley. Her ties in the community and her outstanding communication abilities have helped her be a bridge-builder and leader and allowed her to tackle the hard topics of gender and racial disparities. She is always energetic and a positive role model and example. I am proud to select Monique Mischeaux as the 36<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Woman of the Year.

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### **Genevieve Flores-Haro**

Genevieve Flores-Haro serves as the associate director for the Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP), a nonprofit serving California Central Coast's indigenous migrant community. In this capacity, she oversees the organization's policy priorities, special events, communications, and is a founding member of the 805 UndocuFund. She also supervises MICOP programs specific to health access & advocacy, mental health and domestic violence, including two multi-year mixed methods research studies. Statewide, she co-leads the Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network, as well as MICOP's climate adaptation/disaster response within immigrant communities' advocacy efforts. She was the lead on MICOP's Census 2020 California farmworker outreach and education work.

Genevieve has been instrumental in MICOP's significant contributions in the Central Coast, including the partnership to establish the first Farm Worker Resource Program in California. Additionally, MICOP has been a leader in providing resources and services to the region's farmworker communities throughout the pandemic, including outreach on testing, vaccination, and information on state and local mandates, ensuring language access.

Genevieve received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and her Master's in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. She currently serves as board president for Ventura County's local LGBTQ organization Diversity Collective, and is a board member for the Planned Parenthood Central Coast Action Fund.

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**Nancy Hoffman Vanyek**

Nancy Hoffman Vanyek is President/CEO of the Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce and the first and only woman to head the organization in its 110-year history. Nancy is a results-driven professional with experience in both the political and business arenas. She is skilled at uniting people and the business community toward a shared vision.

She has created numerous programs to further the Chamber's mission, overseen mergers with two other chambers of commerce, led the organization through a shift from local Chamber to a regional focus, and created the San Fernando Valley Regional Foundation to carry out the charitable and educational objectives of the organization. She sought out funding sources for the Chamber's jobs initiative and created a job-training program that has trained over 1,500 workers in the past three years.

Nancy seeks out opportunities to serve the organization's membership in inventive ways to create economic vitality, promote the community, and enhance the quality of living. As a passionate advocate for the business community, she has the strength and courage to tackle issues that create roadblocks to progress.

She recently created a new program delivery model to provide a flexible range of services the business community needs. The new hub and spoke model connects businesses, employers, and job seekers with organizations and institutions that can provide technical assistance, training, access to capital, and a host of other employment-focused services.

In 2020, Nancy received her Diamond ACE (Accredited Chamber Executive) Designation and is one of only three people to hold this designation. In 2021, The San Fernando Valley Business Journal awarded her CEO of the Year and named her one of the San Fernando Valley's most influential people.

Nancy was awarded the coveted 2021 Executive of the Year by the Western Association of Chamber Executives (WACE). This award recognizes a chamber CEO for outstanding performance over the last year in five areas of expertise, including finance, communications, legislative action, and membership services.

Nancy serves on the City of Los Angeles' Workforce Development Board (WDB) and chairs the WDB's Business Services, Marketing & Resource Development Committee. She is a Van Nuys Airport Advisory Board member and serves on several chamber association boards and coalitions.



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**Mireya Garcia Pacheco**

Mireya Garcia Pacheco is a resident of the San Fernando Valley, where she is raising three beautiful daughters. Since 2014, she has devoted more than 2,000 volunteer hours to numerous organizations like Building Strong Families in Panorama City and Neighborhood, Families in Schools, LAEP – Northeast Valley Community, Speak Up, and UCLA Head Start.

Mireya is a dedicated community advocate who puts marginalized families at the center of everything she does. Her roles as a parent warrior, workshop facilitator, community resource connector, public speaker, town hall panelist, parent mentor, and persistent advocate for family and educational justice are filled with enormous passion and deep devotion.

Mireya has dedicated herself to professional and personal growth over the years. She has attended dozens of programs aimed at assisting her and the community. She has developed the ability to speak to the public one-on-one or to the media as a result of taking courses and building relationships.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mireya made hundreds of sensitive calls to assist families in locating the resources and equipment they needed to meet their fundamental needs. She has informed families about COVID-19 and the importance of vaccination for everyone. She has also remained active in a number of committees, where she develops connections and informs organizations so that they may make the necessary pivots to have a greater impact.

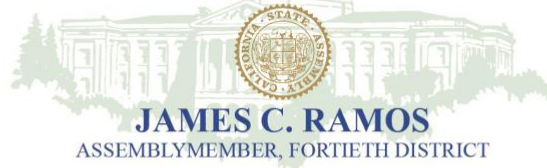
Mireya has been featured in several media outlets, including NPR's The World, Telemundo, KCRW, and many others, to provide first-hand testimony and serve as a resource to her community.

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**Patricia L. Nickols-Butler**

Patricia L. Nickols-Butler has a long and distinguished career encompassing both the public and private sectors. She is a native of San Bernardino, California. Patricia has served as the chief executive officer of Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) since 1992. As CEO, Patricia is responsible for overseeing one of the largest nonprofit agencies in the County of San Bernardino with an annual operating budget of over \$29 million and a staff of 120 employees.

CAPSBC is a private nonprofit public benefit corporation. It is one of the 1,100 community action agencies nationwide, dedicated to helping low-income individuals and families become stable and self-reliant. It administers a diverse combination of human services programs.

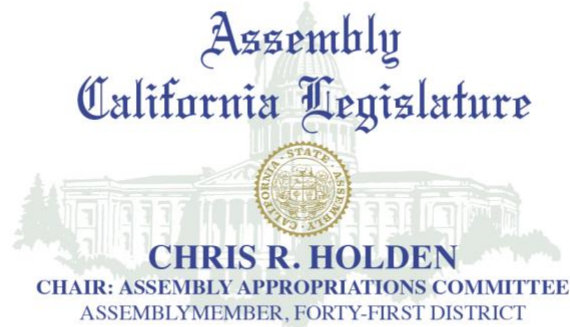
In addition to her work with CAPSBC, Patricia is involved in numerous professional and community activities. Ms. Nickols-Butler was the recipient of the 2016 Spirit of Entrepreneur Award in the category of Social Entrepreneur from the Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship (IECE) at Cal State San Bernardino. She served as the vice chair of the San Bernardino County Interagency Council on Homelessness, a board member of the Girl Scouts of San Gorgonio Council, Secretary of the California Association of Food Banks and San Bernardino Valley College Foundation. Secretary of the State Association of California Community Action Partnership; a founding member of the San Bernardino County Association of African American Employees. Her numerous awards include the 2016 Unforgettable Heart Award, the 2015 Stater Bros Charities Hero of the Heartland award, Catholic Charities "Providing Help, Creating Hope" Award; University of Redlands "Women of Distinction" Award, Outstanding Nonprofit Executive Award given by the Agency Executive Association; the Black Rose Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Inland Empire Leaders of Distinction. Ms. Nickols-Butler also received the Good Samaritan Award from the Catholic Charities Diocese of San Bernardino and the Citizen of Achievement Award from the League of Women Voters of San Bernardino.

Ms. Nickols-Butler has a passion for serving the low-income community and under her leadership, the first count of San Bernardino County's homeless population was accomplished as well as successfully competing for and receiving over \$40 million dollars in United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Homeless funding for over 50 non-profit programs in San Bernardino County. Her passion for helping others continues in her personal life. Patricia and her family established a non-profit foundation to support children and their families battling cancer. Named after her late son, who lost his battle with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, the Anthony J. Nickols, Jr. Foundation provides educational scholarships to high school students who are cancer survivors as well as financial support to families who have a child diagnosed with cancer.

Ms. Nickols-Butler is married and has two children, a daughter and son (deceased), and one grandchild.

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**Dr. Ying-Ying Goh**

Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, MD, MSHS, is the Director and Health Officer of the City of Pasadena Public Health Department and a board-certified pediatrician. She leads the department in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response, overseeing policy and epidemiology, vaccination, infection prevention and control, community outreach and education, technical assistance for healthcare facilities, schools, and businesses, and support for all residents including seniors, families, and those experiencing homelessness. In addition, the nationally-accredited department conducts the full scope of public health functions.

She previously served in various roles at the Health Department, including Health Officer and Deputy Director, and Medical Director for Programs and Research, securing grant funding and managing programs addressing chronic disease, including improving health outcomes for seniors with diabetes and also childhood obesity prevention. Her professional experience includes clinical pediatric practice; management of a California Endowment task force to improve healthcare access and quality in Los Angeles County; and community-based participatory research to improve nutrition and physical activity for youth.

Dr. Goh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Policy at Stanford University, a Doctor of Medicine degree at the Stanford University School of Medicine, and a Master of Health Services Research degree from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. She completed pediatric residency training at Children's Hospital Boston/Harvard University and Boston Medical Center/Boston University.

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**Jan Harnik**

Mayor Jan Harnik has an impressive list of titles and accomplishments behind her, but we can't ignore what she is. She is tough. She is kind. She is passionate. She is fearless. In situations that demand traits of strength, she rises to the occasion every time. Jan Harnik defines what it means to be a leader.

For the last 40 years, Jan's home has been the Coachella Valley. She spent eight years as a single mom, raising her two eldest daughters and working full-time. Today, she has raised four daughters and one son with her husband, Brian Harnik.

Education has always been important to Jan. Her involvement with the Palm Desert High School Foundation introduced SAT Prep courses, providing access for students whose families were unable to afford it. The school's Academic Performance Index (API) climbed higher. The grant she wrote allowed students to spend class periods outdoors, learning about life sciences through hands-on lessons at The Living Desert. Scores climbed again. She helped institute the Read 180 program, giving students whose reading levels were considered too low a fighting chance in their education. And their scores climbed.

Though Jan devotes her time to various committees, one of her passions lies with the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC). She believes transportation is critical to the success of any city; tourism, public safety, and infrastructure are all affected. Despite its unpopularity with other committee members, Jan pushed to have the RCTC meetings televised, believing it best to hold the commission accountable for its time and decision-making, as everything they decide ultimately impacts the citizens. Jan's dedication never went unnoticed, and as a result, she was additionally appointed to the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), which involves regional transportation issues on a much larger scale; so large, in fact, that it represents the largest metropolitan planning commission in the world.

Jan also takes the time to focus on smaller projects with an enormous impact. As a Rotarian, she instituted a program which identified homeowners who were unable to maintain their yards for medical reasons. The result would have otherwise been a code violation, but with the homeowners' permission, Jan gathered other Rotarians and volunteers to help clear debris and bring the yard back to life; Burrtec Waste & Recycling donated dumpsters specifically for the cause.

In the business world, Jan's most crucial time working within the private sector was through her numerous positions at Indian Ridge Country Club. Though she was originally hired to work in the golf shop, she dedicated her time to learning everything there was to know about the golf business and the country club itself. At every opportunity, she asked to take whatever new position was available. When the Membership Director position opened, she interviewed without hesitation. While gaining experience onsite, Jan also enrolled in computer literacy classes to improve her skills. She considers her time at Indian Ridge a true introduction to politics, because the most important aspect of her job was listening to people. Her work required constant communication and diplomacy between members, striving for a better community.

Jan Harnik's character shines through every aspect of her work. Her kindness and passion only fuel her strength, and her strength is what makes her the leader our community needs.

To end with a quote from Mayor Harnik herself, "We don't love our community because it is great, our community is great because we love it."



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**Gloria Salas**

*"..... a world in which women's rights are recognized as human rights and every woman is able to achieve her full potential...In such a world, no woman lives in fear of violence."* Gloria Salas is committed to this vision. Gloria is involved in various organizations which collectively promote human rights, justice, non-violence, equality, inclusivity, and diversity. She is the past president of the local Zonta Club of Burbank, currently the Area 3 Director and Lt. Governor-elect for Zonta International District 9. She sits on the Burbank Domestic Violence Taskforce as a member of Zonta. Gloria is Secretary of the Burbank Business and Professional Women, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Burbank Human Relations Council, Moderator of her church's Peace & Justice Ministry and Executive Board Member of Burbank for Armenia. By way of her membership in these organizations she works to support women through various service projects and advocates for the elimination of violence against women, specifically human trafficking and domestic violence. Through her church's Peace & Justice Ministry she is involved in food collections for the food insecure, clothing drives for those in need, toys donations for foster children and has traveled to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to advocate on social justice issues affecting women and children. As a member of the Burbank Human Relations Council and Burbank for Armenia, Gloria, together with her colleagues, works to build bridges of understanding and inclusivity among diverse communities. One of her favorite quotes sums up her volunteerism: *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."* Mother Teresa.

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**Mary Anne Rooney**

Mary Anne Rooney was elected to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the Port of Hueneme in 2010, the first woman in the history of the Port. Her service and leadership roles in the global arena include: Past President of the Association of Pacific Ports (APP); Member, Economic Development Committee for the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA); and Delegate on a Leadership Mission to Taiwan in 2013. Prior to being elected to the Oxnard Harbor District, she served as a College Trustee for the Ventura County Community College District.

Along with her life partner Mike Barber, Mary Anne co-founded Nyeland Promise and has made great strides to improve the quality of life for the residents in the community. Nyeland Promise has served more than 450,000 pounds of food to her community since inception, and nearly 250,000 student lunches during 2020 when students were at home. Mary Anne and Mike led the charge to install free internet in the community for all elementary school students and is now expanding this to the high school students. Nyeland Promise worked as part of the Complete Count Committee to reach all residents for the 2020 Census and transitioned to the Complete Reach Committee in 2021 to encourage residents to obtain vaccinations and receive educational information.

Mary Anne also works with Santa to the Sea Race that provides scholarships and toys for the local children, and she works with a local mutual water company.

Mary Anne earned a Bachelor's degree from University of California Santa Barbara and a Master's degree from Azusa Pacific University. She holds a Certificate in Mediation and Negotiation and is a proud graduate of Oxnard College.

Mary Anne has two grown sons, and enjoys traveling, gardening, playing golf, and cooking.

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**Dina Kimmel**

Although Dina Kimmel studied Business Marketing at California State University Northridge, it is her mother's intuition combined with her entrepreneurial spirit that led to the creation of We Rock The Spectrum Kid's Gym. After her second child Gabriel was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Dina began to research ways to facilitate her son's development. Dina found that along with early intervention and targeted consistent treatment, many children were making significant improvements. Dina hired speech therapists, child behaviorists and occupational therapists, but found that the limited hours they could provide was simply not enough. This led her to create a sensory gym in her own home. Gabriel thrived and at the same time her older daughter Sophia enjoyed playing on the equipment as well. In fact, this was an activity that both children could do together. This provided the family joy and relief at the same time. "One of the biggest challenges when you have a child with any disability is that often all of your focus lands on them and the other siblings feel neglected or deprived." The fact that both of her children were being entertained at the same time was a fantastic outcome. Dina had an "a ha" moment when she realized that many people did not have the means or space to put a gym in their own homes. She thought "why not provide this type of gym in a retail space for the community to enjoy." This was the beginning of We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym, "Finally a place where you never have to say I'm sorry"™

The first gym opened in August 2010 and due to the need of these safe sensory spaces, it has become a worldwide franchise with over 100 locations in 8 countries and 25 states. Dina's concept was one of improving the children's gym format and making it inclusive for all children. For years, she would take Gabriel to other gyms or open playtimes and found herself constantly apologizing for his behavior. His diagnosis made it difficult to handle the commotion and loud noises. Eventually, he would cry, she would cry, and they would end up leaving both feeling frustrated. She wanted to create a safe environment where all who walked through the doors would feel comfortable. Through her gyms, countless children have had the opportunity to enjoy "Play with a Purpose"™ with their friends and family. My Brother Rocks the Spectrum Foundation is the company's non-profit which provides funding for families who have children with neurodiversity's. Most recently the foundation provided free childcare for first responders during the pandemic.

Dina has taken her vision and passion across the world setting up franchises and offering training and support along the way. Dina resides in Los Angeles with her husband and two children. Dina has been featured on ABC, NBC, KTLA and CBS news, Tribe Magazine, La Parent, and Autism Live.

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**Selma Blair**

Throughout her diverse career, Selma Blair has been one of the most versatile and exciting actresses on screen as well as a fierce advocate for people with disabilities.

Ms. Blair, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in August of 2018, has been an advocate for the rights and dignity of people with disabilities. She was recently featured in the documentary *Introducing, Selma Blair* which shows her struggles dealing with MS as a mother and actress. Ms. Blair began experiencing symptoms since at least 2011 when her son was born and did her best to handle the intense fatigue, emotional distress and loss of physical control. She recently had a stem cell transplant that ended a painful, years-long MS flare which had significantly impacted her speech and mobility. Throughout her MS journey, Blair has used her platform to share her experience and educate others about the condition, which affects the central nervous system. As a public figure who has been open about her disability and the ways in which it can be both beautiful and frustrating, she has been a light to many in the community.

As an actress, Ms. Blair starred in the comedy/horror thriller *Mom and Dad*, alongside Nicholas Cage. The film premiered at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival and later screened at the 2017 Sitges Film Festival and the 2017 Molins Film Festival, where it was nominated for the Jury Prize for Best Film and the Audience Award for Best Films. On television, Ms. Blair was recently seen co-starring as "Kris Jenner" in FX's *The People vs. OJ Simpson: American Crime Story* for Ryan Murphy. Ms. Blair also starred in Todd Solondz's *Dark Horse* in 2011 as Miranda (formerly 'Vi'), alongside Christopher Walken and Mia Farrow. The film debuted at the Venice Film Festival and was later released by Virgil Films & Entertainment.

In 2008, Ms. Blair reprised her role as Liz Sherman in Guillermo del Toro's *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*, after starring in the original *Hellboy* in 2004 (also directed by del Toro). She is perhaps best well known for her scene stealing performance as 'Vivian Kensington' in MGM's hit romantic comedy *Legally Blonde*, alongside Reese Witherspoon. The film was nominated in 2002 for a Golden Globe Award in the category of Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy.

In 1999, Blair played the role of Cecile Caldwell in *Cruel Intentions*, alongside Reese Witherspoon, Sarah Michelle Gellar, and Ryan Phillippe. Other film credits include the YA film *After* (2019) and its sequel, *After We Collided* (2020), based on the popular romance novels of the same name. Blair also starred in Robert Benton's *Feast of Love* in 2007, and John Water's *A Dirty Shame* in 2004. In 2002, Blair reconnected with her *Cruel Intentions* director Roger Kumble in *The Sweetest Thing* for Columbia Pictures, alongside Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate, and Jason Bateman. Blair also starred on television as 'Kim' on *Kath & Kim* for NBC from 2008-2009, opposite Molly Shannon. Blair has made memorable guest star appearances including *Friends*, *Another Life*, *Heathers*, *Portlandia* and *Web Therapy*.

On stage, Blair starred in the World Premiere production of Rajiv Joseph's *Gruesome Playground Injuries* at The Alley Theater and was nominated for a Grammy Award for "Best Spoken Word Recording" for her reading of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Blair's charity work and philanthropic causes have included Marc Jacobs' Skin Cancer Awareness Campaign, H&M's Fashion Against AIDS 2011 Campaign, Children's Action Network, AmFAR AIDS Research, Lange Foundation dedicated to saving homeless and abandoned animals, Bulgari-Save the Children, No Kid Hungry, Staying Alive Foundation and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. On October 2, 2015, she received the Universal Smile Award during THE SMILE GALA LA 2015 to benefit children with cleft lip and palate. She was included as one of the Silence Breakers selected as the 2017 Time Person of the Year. In December 2021, Michelle Pfeiffer presented Blair with the Equity in Entertainment Award at the Power 100 Women ceremony.



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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS



## Nanette Buenavidez

Nanette Buenavidez MSN/Ed, RN, was selected as Arrowhead Regional Medical Center's (ARMC) chief nursing officer in the midst of the worst pandemic in a century. Nanette leads her nursing team with a steadfast and confident nature that evokes calm in all those around her. As a valued member of ARMC for more than a decade, Nanette has risen through the ranks and was recognized as a Nurse Leader of the Year, before being promoted to CNO. Senior nursing staff deeply appreciate Nanette for her values of compassion, leadership, and follow-through on nursing and hospital initiatives. Nanette's steadfast leadership as chief nursing officer for two years during the pandemic provided the steady hand ARMC needed to bolster morale among the nursing troops. We thank Nanette for her service to her community and for her leadership in lifting up our frontline workers.

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**Jolene Vargas**

Jolene Vargas is a proud resident from the City of Baldwin Park and serves as a passionate community member. Jolene is incredibly thoughtful among her fellow neighbors and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

As a working single mother, Jolene was diagnosed with a kidney disease, the same disease that plagued her brother. In 1993, after being placed on a waiting list, Jolene received her first transplant. In 2000, Jolene received the news that her new kidney was failing. After more than 10 years of dialysis, she received a second kidney transplant in 2011. In 2017, Jolene was placed on the waiting list once again and was able to receive a third kidney transplant. These were bittersweet moments for Jolene, knowing other families were mourning the loss of their loved ones. With the help of her donors, she was able to see her son graduate from college, enter adulthood, and begin a successful career.

Jolene's transplant experience truly inspired her to give back to others. At the time, she worked closely with the Transplant Center through One Legacy/ Donate Life. Jolene became familiar with the organization through the donor recipient process and when her biological father passed away. One Legacy informed Jolene that her father was an organ donor and could give sight to someone in need. After his cornea donation, One Legacy contacted Jolene to offer her aftercare and grief counseling to help support. Their assistance motivated her to help bring support to families facing similar hardships. Jolene was asked by a One Legacy team member to become an ambassador and share her story. She accepted the opportunity and now serves thousands of people in California.

As a One Legacy Ambassador, Jolene travels across the state to share her personal experiences as a three-time kidney recipient. She actively promotes the importance of organ and tissue donation and the benefits of the Pink Dot Program. Over 107,000 people are currently waiting on the transplant list and about 20% of them reside in California. Jolene wants to continue bringing hope to those in difficult situations.

Aside from her ambassador program, Jolene has volunteered on the One Legacy/Donate Life Rose Float for over 15 years. In 2019, she was honored to ride in the float during the famous Pasadena Rose Parade. Jolene also volunteers her time to support Girl Scouts in the area and is committed to serving her community through programming and events. Jolene enjoys baking, sewing, crafting, staying in touch with her loved ones, and visiting Snoopy.

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**Elvina Beck**

Elvina Beck has been President of the Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council (CHNC) for the last six years, founded a shared housing community across Los Angeles, and is a founding member of Hollywood Harvest, which has provided free groceries to local seniors since the onset of the pandemic.

As founder of PodShare, Elvina has spent the last decade building low barrier to entry housing across expensive neighborhoods such as Downtown LA, Hollywood, Westwood, and Venice Beach. Organizations such as HousingWorks, HOPICS (Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System), St. Joseph Center, and Safe Place for Youth place members across five locations through various LAHSA and sponsored programs. In 2020, Ms. Beck was named an "Impact Maker" in City Hall by Councilmember David Ryu and in 2021 Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell awarded PodShare a small business grant.

Currently, the County Department of Children and Family Services is housing 18 foster children that have aged out of the system, with the potential to help many more. Social services are provided by Safe Place for Youth and weekly meals are delivered by the Hollywood Food Coalition.

Outside of nonprofit partners, Angelinos use PodShare as a bridge home because there is no security deposit, background check, proof of income, nor required length of stay. A "daypass" acts as a drop-in center at any location from 10am to 10pm to provide access to a shower, kitchen, computers, and lounge. Notable press includes CNN, BBC, NPR, and LA Times highlighting the rising costs of living, with pod sharing as one option.

As the President of CHNC, Elvina has had the honor of representing neighbors, supporting local business, and helping create a nonprofit called Hollywood Harvest. During the pandemic, a small group organized to deliver free groceries so that at-risk seniors could stay at home. Raising funds from local government and intaking upcycled vegetables, a pool of volunteers bagged and delivered 16 tons of food every Thursday to serve over 700 seniors.

Elvina Beck was born in the former Soviet Union in 1985 and grew up in Brooklyn when her family immigrated in 1990. She studied politics at Pepperdine University and graduated in 2008. After graduating, she spent five years in production, traveling around the world shooting talent such as Avril Lavigne, Jeff Dunham and Randi Zuckerberg.

After the housing crash in 2008, Ms. Beck found herself in an unstable housing situation with terrible credit, no vehicle, with freelance work. She moved to Lincoln Heights and commuted by train. That was when she developed a clear understanding of how quickly one can become homeless, and vulnerable to life-changing circumstances. She promised herself that if she got back on her feet she would remove barriers to housing, offer flexible payments, implement common sense policies, and build in neighborhoods that offer more opportunities.

Elvina's mom raised her on "there is no such thing as 'I can't'... only 'I don't want to.'" She witnessed this quote when her parents immigrated for a better life, when her 9-year-old-self stood before a judge asking to be allowed to stay, as she watched her parents learn English and work to support their kids' education. That's why when a challenge is presented, Elvina likes to say "let's do it and figure out the rest as we go."

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**Dr. Barbara Ferrer**

Dr. Barbara Ferrer is a nationally recognized public health leader with over 40 years of professional experience as a philanthropic strategist, educational leader, researcher, community advocate, and public health director. She has a proven record of accomplishment working collaboratively to improve population outcomes through efforts that build health, education, and racial equity.

Currently, Dr. Ferrer leads the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, which protects health, prevents disease, and promotes equity and well-being among LA County's more than 10 million residents. As the Public Health Director, she oversees a budget of over \$2.2 billion and directs a multidisciplinary workforce of nearly 7,000 staff. Under Dr. Ferrer's leadership, Public Health works alongside the Departments of Health Services and Mental Health to integrate services across departments to best serve residents throughout the County's 4,000 square miles.

As the Public Health Director of Los Angeles County, Dr. Ferrer guided the region's COVID-19 pandemic response, in collaboration with a vast network of county and community-based partners. She leads the Department's Incident Command System, established at the onset of the health crisis to facilitate informed decision-making and swift implementation of mitigation and response activities, including Health Officer Orders and safety protocols. Dr. Ferrer engaged and collaborated with a vast network of community-based partners throughout the pandemic to ensure appropriate policies and targeted services. The equity-based crisis response has included communications with residents, businesses, and education sectors, development and implementation of health officer orders, disease and outbreak management, vaccine planning and administration, and engagement of key stakeholders and community leaders in response efforts.

Previously, Dr. Ferrer served as the Chief Strategy Officer for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where she was responsible for developing the strategic direction and providing leadership to the foundation's key program areas, including education & learning; family economic security; food, health & well-being; racial equity; community engagement; and leadership development.

Prior to working at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Dr. Ferrer served as the Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, where she built innovative partnerships and led a range of health programs to address inequities in health outcomes and support healthy families and communities. During her time as Executive Director, Dr. Ferrer secured federal, state, and local funding for critical public health infrastructure and community-based programs. Under her leadership, the City of Boston saw significant improvements in health outcomes, including a decrease in the rates of childhood obesity, smoking, and infant mortality.

Dr. Ferrer held various leadership positions at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, including Director of Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention, and Director of the Division of Maternal & Child Health. She also served as a Headmaster at a district high school in Boston, where she led efforts to significantly improve high school graduation rates and ensure that every graduating senior was accepted to college.

Dr. Ferrer received her Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Brandeis University, a Master of Arts in Public Health from Boston University, a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and a Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz.



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**Deborah Clifford**

Deborah Clifford is a graduate of UCLA and Claremont Graduate University with an MA in Education. She served as a banker for 13 years with Security Pacific Banks before transitioning to a high school English teacher at Diamond Bar High School (DBHS) for 28 years.

During her tenure at DBHS, she was named teacher of the year twice and was District Teacher of the year one of those times. Since her retirement, she has been very active in Historical Society of Pomona Valley, serving as President since 2018. Her current (final) term ends in February 2023.

She has been active in a number of other civic activities in Pomona. She was named Pomona Community Hero at the LA County Fair in 2018 and currently serves as the announcer for the annual Pomona Christmas Parade.

She is married to John Clifford and they have a daughter, Ariel, who lives in Berkeley and is a graduate of New York University.

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**Margarita Alvarez Gomez**

Mrs. Alvarez Gomez was raised by a single mother and is an immigrant from Mexico. She came to Los Angeles when she was 18 years old, and since that time, she has been married and has three adult children and one grandson. Her community engagement is a testament to her upbringing and her mother's example of leadership.

Margarita has been working in the nonprofit sector for over 20 years. She is passionate about supporting the community through various initiatives.

With over twelve years dedicated to Central City Neighborhood Partners (CCNP) and four years as the Executive Director, Mrs. Alvarez Gomez is a true collaborator and thoughtful leader.

She is a knowledgeable and committed community advocate for families residing in Los Angeles and beyond, including families who live in District 53.

Mrs. Alvarez Gomez leads passionately and works tirelessly to ensure that individuals who are often overlooked and most vulnerable are provided with dignity-infused services to uplift entire communities. Mrs. Alvarez Gomez is supported by a team that shares her passion and dedication to advancing the economic opportunities of low-income families by fostering partnerships and supporting positive community change.

Margarita Alvarez Gomez holds a degree in Human Resource Management. She is a graduate of the Whitecap Foundation's Executive Management Academy. She has received the California Award for Performance Excellence from the California Council for Community Excellence. In 2019, she was honored as Pioneer Woman of the Year for the City of Los Angeles, Council District 1, and the Commission on the Status of Women. On behalf of the CCNP team, Board of Directors, and community served, Mrs. Alvarez Gomez graciously accepts the award as the 2022 Woman of the Year from the California Legislative Women's Caucus.

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**Jacquelynn Hawthorne**

Jacquelynn “Jackie” Hawthorne has been serving the Los Angeles community for nearly 60 years. Born the oldest of five siblings in Texas, Jackie relocated to California with her family in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She purchased her home in Baldwin Hills in 1973 and remains an active member of the community and local government to this day.

In 1963, Jackie began working as a Computer Programmer for the County of Los Angeles, eventually earning the position of Division Chief. During that time she was recruited to be part of a two-person team tasked with lobbying the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on behalf of her department. Near the time of her retirement in 1992, Jackie joined with fellow Crenshaw United Methodist Church congregation member and “BFF” Celestine Palmer to establish the Los Angeles African American Women Political Action Committee (LAAAW PAC)—the first of its kind in California. LAAAW PAC promotes the involvement of African American women in politics and has raised and donated over \$1 million to local, state, and federal candidate since its inception. Jackie would oversee LAAAW PAC for over 20 years--first as Vice President and then President. Today, she sits on the Board of Directors. In 2012, under Jackie’s leadership, LAAAW PAC expanded with the creation of the nonprofit Los Angeles African American Women Public Policy Institute.

Over the years, Jackie has also been an active member of the Crenshaw United Methodist Church first serving as the church’s Financial Secretary and later as a member of the Administrative Board. Eventually she would be appointed Chairperson of the United Methodist Ministries Los Angeles District. As part of her work with Crenshaw United, Jackie worked on projects to meet the needs of her local community such as the construction of affordable housing units.

Currently, Jackie is a regional Vice Chair of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, holds a City Commissioner position in Community and Family Services to which she was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti in 2016, and is Vice Chair of the National Women’s Political Caucus-South Bay. Outside of her work in public service, Jackie sings soprano in the Gwen Wyatt Choral.

When asked “Why do you do all of this?” Jackie explains that she gives back because “God has blessed [her] so” with loving family and friends, including three beautiful children. Her favorite scripture, Micah 6:8, states, “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Jackie abides by these precepts, putting her all into humbly and lovingly serving her community. And if her plate is ever too full? Jackie says she simply asks God for a platter.

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**Amy Nguyen**

Amy Nguyen is passionate about health and wellness and has spent most of her career championing health equity for the diverse communities she serves. Having earned a Doctor of Pharmacy at USC School of Pharmacy and an MBA, Amy has founded three healthcare companies, employed over 160 employees, and served approximately 31,000 lives. With each venture, she remains deeply committed to enhancing lives by improving access to care, promoting education, and providing impact driven care and support, particularly to the medically underserved community.

During the COVID pandemic, Amy and her team at Aviva Pharmacy were one of the first pharmacies nationwide to offer the vaccines. Aviva's innovative team worked quickly to create their own appointment portal and multiple communication platforms to facilitate the large demand. Aviva's diverse team also played an instrumental role in conducting outreach to get vaccines and tests to those with language, technology, or transportation barriers. To date, her team has provided over 35,000 doses of the COVID vaccines and tests.

Amy continues to engage in endeavors that address healthcare gaps. Her team is working with cities, government agencies, churches, the LGBTQ community, and other organizations on projects such as Ending the HIV Epidemic, STD, Hep C, and mental health screening. She hopes to reduce gender identity stigma and health stigma, ultimately to help many achieve optimal health and wellness. She serves as a board member on the SBA Regulatory Fairness Board and the NSBA, a member of the Asian Business Association, and a proud mom to two teenagers.

Amy and her family escaped from Vietnam by boat when she was 10. They were rescued by a French oil tanker and were graciously welcomed to America's shore. She remains grateful everyday for her blessings and hopes to pay it forward by making positive impacts on all those whose lives she touches. She is honored and humbled by this recognition, especially considering the many amazing women out there contributing to the betterment of our society.



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### **Luz Gallegos**

Luz Gallegos was born and raised in the Inland Empire. She began, "en la causa, el movimiento" as a very young child with the guidance of her parents. Advocating for social justice, organizing, and marching alongside with great leaders like Bert Corona, Soledad "Chole" Alatorre, and Cesar E. Chavez. Luz is a natural leader.

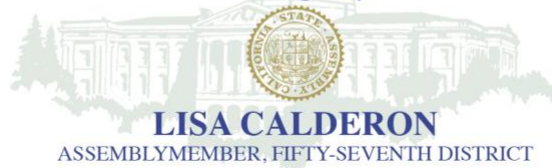
Her organizing and advocating experience came first hand throughout her childhood. At a very young age she developed a community conscious and commitment, what has become part of her life.

She has led hundreds of community programs and campaigns dealing with an array of issues, immigrant rights, and civic engagement. Luz has mentored hundreds of youth and has motivated them to continue with their education while not forgetting their roots. She continues to lead in TODEC Legal Center to give continuity to her family's community commitment and legacy.

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**Mónica Shahbaznia Alvarez, Ph.D.**

In commemoration of Dr. Mónica Shahbaznia Alvarez and her quarter-century of excellence in service to our communities providing psychotherapy to the children, adolescents, parents, and families of Los Angeles County and throughout California.

Her dedication to social science, social service, and the protection of children began long before. A strong calling to a vocation of service to those in need originated as a child through a Roman Catholic family upbringing and education from kindergarten through high school in Sherman Oaks, where an emphasis in social justice and global citizenship was deeply instilled. She obtained a B.A. degree in Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), which fulfilled her dream to help people learn, heal, and live healthy lives.

She pursued a doctoral program to focus on Family and Child Psychology with an interest in child abuse prevention, learning differences, and attention and behavior problems. She trained in early child development at the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute and her research of child abuse and aspects of acculturation for her doctoral dissertation led to an interest in pediatric quality of life. She was later accepted in the only opening for the Pediatric Psychology pre-doctoral fellowship at the Department of Psychiatry at University of California, San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland where she began a 22-year love of supporting and treating patients struggling with chronic illnesses and medical issues that can compromise mental health.

After earning her doctorate degree, she returned to her beloved hometown to pursue further training in Pediatric Psychology as a two-year post-doctoral fellow at Children's Hospital Los Angeles where she began her journey working with patients living with diabetes and fighting cancer as well as teaching medical residents. There she created and presented a self-monitoring tool for adolescents struggling with noncompliance of their diabetes care regimen. Leading support groups simultaneously in English and Spanish at CHLA's 'Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases' and 'Padres Contra El Cancer' cleared a path towards more focus in Pediatric Oncology.

Once licensed as a Clinical Psychologist by the California Board of Psychology, Dr. Shahbaznia Alvarez started her own business and opened the private practice. While establishing her private practice, Dr. Shahbaznia Alvarez was called upon to teach medical students at The Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, her alma mater. She was later invited to join the Community Leadership Board of the American Diabetes Association's local chapter and served as the chair of the Advocacy Committee to promote awareness and education in Southern California and Nevada. As a member of the California delegation, she has traveled to Washington, D.C. to lobby members of the United States Congress for insulin affordability and continued funding for research towards a cure.

Dr. Shahbaznia Alvarez was born in Los Angeles and is the proud daughter of immigrant parents, Feridon Shahbaznia from Iran and Silvia Alvarez Shahbaznia from México, who raised her in the San Fernando Valley with her brothers Fernando and Andrés Shahbaznia. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Mark McQueen, who shares her love of travel, exploring historic places, architecture, cinema, and marveling in the splendor of the extraordinary California landscapes.

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**Laura R. Walton**

Hon. Laura Walton has two children, a son, Rashaan, 27 and a daughter, Aleaya, 17, a senior at Cerritos High School. She has been a resident of Cerritos since 2001. Her children attended school in the ABC school district, and she has been active within the district since moving to Cerritos. When her children attended school, the Hon. Walton was Wittmann Elementary PTA president, Wittmann Elementary Foundation president, Carmenita Middle School Site Council member, and Cerritos High Marching Band Booster. She previously co-chaired the ABC Unified School Board Facilities Committee which was instrumental in getting the school bond passed to improve the ABC district schools and facilities. Currently, Hon. Walton is a member of the ABC Unified School Board Foundation and a member of the ABC Unified School Board Diversity and Equity Committee. In addition, she has been a panel speaker at the ABC District Parent Leadership workshops and has been a guest speaker at numerous schools throughout the district. She has been a mentor to students and has hosted student and teacher visits at her court and has allowed students to shadow her during their summer breaks.

Hon. Laura Walton is a judge on the Los Angeles Superior Court. She was appointed in 2010. She currently presides over a long cause complex felony criminal court in the South-Central District. Hon. Walton is a founding member and Immediate Past President of the Association of African American California Judicial Officers, Inc. (AAACJO), which is a statewide organization of over 100 hundred judicial officers. She is co-chair of the Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Mentor Program where she mentors lawyers who are interested in seeking a judicial appointment. She is a member of the California Judges Association (CJA) and is a member and was Co-Chair of the CJA Criminal Law and Procedure Committee. In 2020, Hon. Walton was appointed to the CJA Task Force on the Elimination of Bias and Injustice Committee formed to eradicate discrimination and ensure fairness in the judicial system. She is a member of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). Hon. Walton is a member of the California Association of Black Lawyers, Judicial Section (CABL JC). Also, Hon. Walton has served on the Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC) Access to Fairness Committee (2010-2019), the LASC Bar Panel Appointment Committee (2017-2019) and the LASC Executive Committee (2018-2020). Hon. Walton is an instructor for the Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Education Seminars (JES) and California Judicial Education Research (CJER) (2016-current) where she instructs judges throughout the state on criminal law and procedure.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Hon. Walton was a Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney (1995-2010). During her career as a Deputy District Attorney, Hon. Walton was selected for the VIP Unit that prosecutes domestic violence and sexual assault crimes and the Hardcore Gang Unit that prosecutes gang-related murders. She prosecuted over 100 cases including 30 murder trials and two death penalty trials. As a deputy district attorney, Hon. Walton received numerous commendations from the Los Angeles Police Homicide Bureau, Sheriff's Homicide Bureau, Sheriff's VIP Bureau, and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for dedication, commitment, and outstanding trial work. In 2008, she became a Supervisor in the District Attorney's Office. Hon. Walton graduated from University of California, Berkeley in 1992, and from University of California, Berkeley Law in 1995.

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**Maria Espinoza**

Maria Espinoza is a resident of South Los Angeles. She is the founder of a mother-led organization named Mama's Del Sur Centro, an organization targeting key issues in their community and finding solutions on how to improve the livelihood of all residents. Maria said, "I believe that every person should strive to be a productive member of society and I am happy to be doing my part to make this world a better place."

Throughout her life, Maria understood the importance of community involvement and the power of organizing. Maria's active involvement during the COVID-19 pandemic helped the residence of Pueblo del Rio attain resources such as rental assistance, food access, Personal Protective Equipment and COVID testing/vaccination sites. She has tirelessly works to assure her community is informed and involved in conversations soundings new development in the area as well as community clean ups. Maria's desire for change has become a blue print for other mother based organizations and has shared her experience and success in establishing her nonprofit. Today, Mamas Del Sur Centro has grown to over 500 active mothers that have expanded to different areas such as Watts and South Gate. Maria Espinoza has been a devoted wife, mother and community leader who selflessly put the interest of others before her own.



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**Gail Paulsen**

Gail Paulsen is a community leader, advocate, and dedicated volunteer who is committed to building a brighter future for her grandchildren.

Born in Iowa, Gail is the proud daughter of a London-born World War II bride and a Union Machinist. Gail relocated to California at the age of 21, where she met her husband Terry of nearly 45 years. They have a daughter and are the proud grandparents to three grandchildren.

After a rewarding 30-year career at Bank of America, Gail retired as a Senior Vice President and Senior Wealth Management Banker.

A selfless public servant, Gail has dedicated her time and energy to improving the quality of life in our Inland Empire region. Through her involvement with Friends of the Eastvale Public Library, Gail was instrumental in raising funds for the establishment of the first library in her community.

Gail's interest in electoral politics began at an early age when she wrote a letter to newly elected President John F. Kennedy as part of a school assignment. President Kennedy's response to that letter taught her that her voice mattered. Today, Gail remains actively involved in local, state and national political campaigns and causes. She currently serves as President of the Democrats of Corona-Norco, Assistant Treasurer of the Truman Club, and Assembly District 60 Delegate to the California Democratic Party. She is also a member of the Riverside County Democratic Party, Democrats of Greater Riverside, and volunteers with Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. Gail dedicates her service and civic involvement to her 8-year-old granddaughter.

In her spare time, Gail loves to read and is a member of a book club. She enjoys traveling, meeting new people, and learning about other countries, cultures and lifestyles.

Gail received her Master's in Business Administration from Claremont Graduate University, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the California State University, Northridge.

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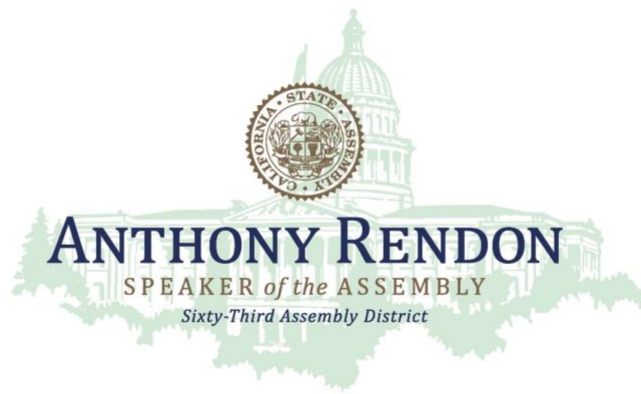


**Renee Hill**

Renee Hill serves as the 12th Superintendent for the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD). Over 28 years, she has served as teacher, site administrator, math specialist, director, assistant superintendent and Chief Academic Officer. As director, she helped found the Heritage Program. As Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Hill and her team helped RUSD found the Inland Code Consortium. As Chief Academic Officer, she and her team transformed the Riverside Virtual School, it being one of the few virtual schools to offer real-time teacher-student interaction.

Ms. Hill rounds her experience by having worked in the private sector as a telecom project manager in North America and in the nonprofit sector as senior advisor to California Emerging Technology Fund, an advocacy organization for digital equity.

Renee holds a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from UC Riverside and a Master's in Business from Stanford University's executive MBA program. Ms. Hill has presented at multiple conferences including ACSA Sister Symposium, Aurora Institute, CUE, ISTE, Girl Scout Network, and New Schools Venture Fund. Ms. Hill has been honored as recipient of the RUSD Teacher of the Year Award, ACSA Administrator of the Year Award and Riverside - San Bernardino Chapter NAACP Education Award.



**Daisy Prieto**

Daisy Prieto, a Los Angeles native, is a Financial Analyst for BuildLACCD at Los Angeles Southwest College. Daisy has 20 years of dedicated work in construction project management in both the public and private sectors.

Daisy has a passion for service. After moving to the City of South Gate in 2006, she volunteered her time at community events and became an active member of her local parish. In 2013, she helped start Girl Scout Troop 16325 to help mentor young girls and guide them in becoming active members in their communities. She has been a troop leader for nine years and continues to make a positive impact in the lives of young girls through Girl Scout leadership.

In 2014, she joined the local Relay for Life event in South Gate as a team captain where she led her team of Girl Scouts in fundraising efforts to help benefit the American Cancer Society. She has helped raise thousands of dollars for this cause and continues the tradition of advocating in the fight against cancer. Daisy's dedication to the community is long standing. Aside from all the volunteer work she has done, she joined the South Gate Kiwanis club in 2020 and became president during its inaugural year. She led the club through a year of service during an unprecedented pandemic. She helped organize over 40 community service events and helped raise thousands of dollars in donations for the youth and the community of South Gate.

When Daisy is not volunteering, she is spending time with her husband and two children. She is a big Los Angeles Dodgers fan and enjoys attending ball games with her family.

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**Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie**

I would like to nominate Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie as Woman of the Year for my Assembly District. She is a long time City Commissioner and has hosted a myriad of service projects as a leader at the Deforest Park Neighborhood Association. As the Chair of the City of Long Beach's Planning Commission, the first woman of color to hold the position, she's worked with her team to procure the best development projects for the city and our Uptown area. In addition to her local roles, she also serves as the director of the UCI Center for Statistical Consulting where she works to use data as a means to spearhead equitable public health efforts. She lives in North Long Beach with her husband and two young children.



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**Dr. Sueling Chen**

Dr. Sueling Chen is a successful immigrant, female entrepreneur with a passion for educating young minds. Arriving from Taiwan in 1981 with two suitcases and an unshakeable enthusiasm to pursue her American dream, she started a small school with an enrollment of seven children (two of her own) in Fullerton, CA. The school, Arborland Montessori Children's Academy, flourished and has grown to include two campuses with a large enrollment and a long waiting list.

Dr. Chen has a Bachelor's Degree and a teaching credential from National Taiwan Normal University, a Master's Degree in Business Administration from USC, a Montessori Elementary Teaching Credential from American Montessori Society, and a Doctorate Degree in Education Leadership from USC.

The contributions to the community made by Dr. Chen are the result of her long-term vision and dedication to providing high-quality educational opportunities for Orange County students. She has achieved her goals through a simple formula of keeping abreast of changes as they happen in the educational world and applying the changes to the Montessori philosophy. Many Arborland graduates have become doctors, lawyers and leaders of industry. Apart from producing many well-balanced, confident students over the years, Arborland has been a source of employment for teachers and support staff in the community.

The pandemic truly tested Dr. Chen's belief in her vision, but she never deviated from her goal. In March 2020, remote learning changed the world of education overnight. Dr. Chen immediately guided her staff to provide online education, with instant pivot. The following two years were a constant struggle to balance the need to protect the health of her students and teachers, while maintaining the level of high quality education that her students deserved. However, in the midst of all the chaos, she successfully opened a Junior High program.

In spite of her busy schedule, Dr. Chen remains active and volunteers in several community organizations. She serves as an Executive Board of Director of the North Orange County Chamber of Commerce, a Board of Trustee of the St. Jude Medical Center, a Board of Trustee of the Fullerton Public Library, a member of North Orange County Community College District Citizens' Oversight Committee, and a member of Fullerton Rotary Club.

Dr. Sueling Chen's civic, educational, cultural, and business contributions have made an immense and lasting impact on North Orange County. Her strong work ethic and ability to serve the community with integrity, compassion, and enthusiasm is why I recognize Dr. Sueling Chen as my selection for the 65<sup>th</sup> District's 2022 Woman of the Year.

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## **Eileen Hupp**

A native New Yorker, Eileen received a BA degree in Political Economy and an MA degree in Romance Languages from Johns Hopkins University, before heading to the University of Chicago Booth School of Business for an MBA in Marketing and Finance. Eileen launched her career as an Econometric Consultant, helping Fortune 100 companies build computer models to forecast demand, before moving to iconic retailer Marshall Field & Company to lead Strategic Planning and Market Research. She was next recruited to a position in Los Angeles, where she continued her career in the retail industry, focusing on acquisitions, real estate expansion, marketing, and financial analysis. Eileen was also a founding partner in a consulting firm, specializing in sales and marketing. She currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, a position she has held since 2011.

At the Chamber of Commerce, Eileen has launched many new programs and initiatives to promote business and the community; including an entrepreneurship program for students, a leadership program for rising business leaders, expanded legislative advocacy, networking and marketing resources for businesses, and countless community events. Eileen thrives on new challenges, change, creating new things, and connecting people. She is committed to being a catalyst for business growth, a convener of leaders and influencers, and a champion for a strong community.

Eileen credits her commitment to community to her parents, who instilled in her the spirit of gratitude and volunteerism. She started as a Candy Striper in Junior High, serving over 1000 hours before finishing high school. In addition to countless leadership roles with PTAs, Booster Clubs, College Alumni Groups, the League of Women Voters, Palos Verdes Assembly, and many other nonprofit organizations throughout the community, Eileen has served as President of the Peninsula Chapter of National Charity League; Vice President of the Junior League of Los Angeles; Chairman of the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce; President of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club; and Assistant Governor, Rotary District 5280. She has been honored with a Joint Proclamation by the City Councils of all Four Cities on the Peninsula (2021), in addition to a Proclamation from the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (2020), for her commitment to local business. She was presented with Toberman Neighborhood Center's "Community Champion Award" (2021); and previously honored as Rotarian of the Year; and recognized by the California State Assembly as a "Woman of Distinction – 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly District."

A South Bay resident for 30 years, Eileen has three adult children – Robby, Sara, and Emily.

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**Ruth Atkins**

Ruth Atkins moved to the Lake Elsinore Valley in the early 1990's and immediately immersed herself in civic organizations, working to preserve the valley's history. As a result, she has become one of the most knowledgeable people in the region and has worked tirelessly to celebrate and preserve its history.

Ms. Atkins quickly became a member of the Lake Elsinore Historical Society. She served on the board and later as Board President, a title which she held for over 15 years, unprecedented length of time.

In 2013, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries appointed her as Commissioner for the Riverside County Historical Commission. She is currently the Treasurer of the Downtown Merchants Association, where she has spoken out in favor of business while promoting pedestrian and vehicular access that maintained historical relevance of the downtown area.

Ms. Atkins has also been a member of the Clean Extreme Committee, the Luiseno Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for the designation of Historic Buildings, and the Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce, from which she received two awards: Citizen of the Year (2002) and the John Packman Award (2005), which is selected by fellow Chamber Members to honor the individual who has showcased unselfish devotion to the job of promoting progress and prosperity for the Elsinore Valley.

Always eager and willing to share important historical information about the City and its many landmarks, Ms. Atkins advocated for the Lake Elsinore Historical Society's museum to be moved into the City's Civic Center where, after being renovated and retrofitted for earthquakes, it was outfitted to offer public access for both touring and research.

Ms. Atkins has been a mainstay in Lake Elsinore for nearly 30 years, ensuring the region maintains its historical significance. She truly embodies service above self.

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**Jena Jensen**

Jena Jensen oversees advocacy and public policy for Children's Health of Orange County (CHOC), as well as the development and stewardship of relationships with federal, state and local elected officials, government, community and opinion leaders. Ms. Jensen also oversees CHOC's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Initiative, which aims to promote and celebrate the value of difference throughout the enterprise and beyond.

One of the leading pediatric health care systems in the nation, CHOC's Orange County, Calif.-based health care network includes: two state-of-the-art hospitals in Orange and Mission Viejo; primary and specialty care clinics in Santa Ana, Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Corona and Garden Grove; an expanding network of outreach programs that brings CHOC's services into every corner of Orange County; a residency program that trains tomorrow's pediatricians; five centers of excellence - the Heart, Orthopaedic, Neuroscience, Hyundai Cancer and Innovation Institute(s); and a Research Institute that brings advanced treatment to patients. To expand mental health access for children and teens in the region, CHOC offers an 18-bed mental health inpatient center on its Orange campus as well as an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) for teens with moderate to severe symptoms of anxiety, depression or other mental health problems.

CHOC was once again named one of the nation's best children's hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2021-22 Best Children's Hospitals rankings. CHOC ranked in seven specialties: neonatology; cancer; diabetes and endocrinology; neurology and neurosurgery; orthopaedics; pulmonology; and urology.

Ms. Jensen joined CHOC 1992, having previously provided public relations/public affairs consulting services to the organization, along with a variety of other multi-sector clients. More than 30 years of her career have been devoted to health care delivery in Orange County.

Ms. Jensen is a native of California and an alumna of the University of California, Berkeley. She is Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Business Council (OCBC), Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, and on the boards of the Orange County Forum and Santa Ana College Foundation; is a member of the Provider Advisory Committee for CalOptima, Orange County's County Organized Health System (COHS), and serves as a member of Orange County's Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee. Other professional affiliations include the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC), California Hospital Association (CHA), California Children's Hospital Association (CCHA) and the national Children's Hospital Association (CHA).

Ms. Jensen is a resident of Santa Ana, California and has three adult children. She is a proud military mom thanks to her son, a U.S. Army Captain and second-year medical resident.



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**Erika Robles**

The 2022 Woman of the Year for Assembly District 69 is Erika Robles. She is the Founder and CEO of the United Across Borders Foundation (UABF), a nonprofit organization committed to serving local communities with love, respect, integrity, and compassion. Her mission is to provide families in underserved communities grocery assistance and staple supply access to ensure no one ends their day hungry or in need.

In 1988, she immigrated to the United States with her parents and two siblings from Cuernavaca Morelos, Mexico. As an immigrant raised in Santa Ana, California, she experienced firsthand the challenges many low-income families face. This is where her passion to help others began, and with the support of her family, she founded UABF in 2012. UABF has provided a myriad of products to many communities throughout their ten years of service. These include food distributions, toy giveaways during Christmas and Dia de Los Reyes, and turkey giveaways during Thanksgiving.

Her greatest inspiration to continue her work comes from her husband and Co-Founder Javier Robles, as well as her three children, Cassandra, Oscar Javier, and Jacqueline. She also recognizes the contributions of like-minded community leaders and organizations who have helped the UABF pursue its goals.

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**Robin Joy Maxson**

Robin Joy Maxson began her career in 1990, upon earning a History degree from the University of California, San Diego and Master's degree in Cross-Cultural Education from National University. She spent over 20 years in the healthcare industry - focusing on behavioral health services in California, Colorado and Nevada. Serving as a volunteer for Scouting, 4-H, and Soccer, Maxson also worked tutoring English-language learners and providing preparation for citizenship interviews for foreign-born residents through the International Rescue Committee. Maxson holds dual American and Canadian citizenship.

As an elected official with the Ramona Community Planning Group, Maxson serves as Chair. A founding member of the Ramona President's Council, Maxson works with the Ramona Municipal Water District, Ramona Unified School District, San Diego Country Estates Association, Ramona Chamber of Commerce and Ramona Real Estate Association to identify needs and coordinate advocacy. Additionally, Maxson is a stakeholder in multiple Caltrans and SANDAG projects including the San Vicente Corridor Project and a founding member of the Ramona State Routes Subcommittee. Maxson believes that community education is vital to the process; providing specific actions that residents can take to make their voices heard. Maxson has had many articles and editorials published educating the community and encouraging participation in the government process.

With the goal of effecting change through community action and education, Maxson works with multiple jurisdictions and all levels of government to guide policy development that impacts the unincorporated area. Maxson has succeeded in connecting the community of Ramona with the greater region both in recognition of the unique needs of the community and in attainment of funding. Working within the larger Southern California region - speaking to government organizations e.g., SANDAG and building relationships with elected officials - has resulted in identification and solutions to ongoing highway safety deficiencies, housing/construction barriers, wildfire evacuation, and underserved residents health and education needs.

A foster/adoptive family, Maxson and her husband, Terry Maxson, LCSW, have raised seven children - with the youngest currently attending high school.

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**Kiki N. Tran**

At an early age, Kiki Tran learned the values of family, tradition, hard work, loyalty, optimism and responsibility. These values prepared Ms. Tran, a refugee who fled Communist Vietnam, for the world around her and influenced her outlook and success in life. In 1980, Ms. Tran and her family arrived in the United States after spending two years in a Thai refugee camp.

Though she faced difficulties with the English language, she overcame this barrier and graduated from high school with honors before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Cal State Polytechnic University, Pomona. After completing her degree, Ms. Tran joined the Ralph M. Parson Corporation in a key engineer position at the Mobil refinery project in Torrance, California and later worked for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C.

In 1997, Ms. Tran met her husband, Dr. Paul Truong, and transitioned from her engineering profession to start a family and help establish her husband's medical practice in Houston, Texas. After relocating to Orange County in 2006, Ms. Tran and Dr. Truong opened a multi-specialty medical group focused on internal medicine and cardiology. The flourishing practice later expanded to become an Independent Physician Association (IPA) and a Management Service Organization (MSO).

As the founder and manager of her family's medical organizations, Ms. Tran oversees over 25 full-time employees. Her charitable efforts have contributed tremendously to residents in Orange County. She has contributed and donated to the communities on healthcare, youth, senior, and mental health related issues for decades. During the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Ms. Tran's companies provided essential medical support and services to the residents of Orange County especially helping to be a key partner in helping the community have access to vaccinations and medical supplies.

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**Julie Beeman**

Julie Beeman is an outstanding Orange County based entrepreneur who owns and operates VCS Environmental, a 25-member full-service environmental firm located in San Juan Capistrano. She first became a resident of San Juan Capistrano in 1990 and founded the company there in 1996. VCS provides environmental services related to CEQA/NEPA, Biology, Wetlands Regulatory and Cultural services to private builders and public sector clients including school districts, cities, metropolitan planning organizations, and other public agencies.

In celebration of VCS Environmental's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on behalf of the company, Julie donated \$25,000 to fund scholarships to college students looking to enter environmental, planning and/or transportation fields. In a press release to mark the occasion, Julie stated, "At VCS, giving back has been a key part of our culture, purpose, and success. Over the last 25 years, as a woman owned business, we have advised other women entrepreneurs, mentored young professionals entering the workforce, and guided students."

Over the years Julie has played an integral role in major milestones contributing to the betterment of her community. She was instrumental in getting former Orange County Sheriff, Sandra Hutchens appointed as the first female O.C. Sheriff in 2008. Julie was one of the founding members of the Marian Bergeson Series and a charter member of the California Women's Leadership Association (CWLA). She is a sponsor for the San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association and she publically recognized them for their good work feeding people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has also sponsored the AEP Scholarship Program and the OCAEP Scholarship Program.

Julie earned a Bachelor's of Art in Sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice at California State University Fullerton, graduating in 1987. She married her loving husband, Brian Beeman in 2014 and together they have five adult children: Tyler, Erika, Brianna, Kathryn, and Grayson. Julie has been awarded the following accolades to honor her commitment and great works throughout the years: California Governor's Award on Volunteerism, California Senate Proclamations, and Orange County Supervisors Bates and Nguyen Certificate of Recognition. Assemblywoman Laurie Davies is proud to award Julie Beeman the 2022 73<sup>rd</sup> District Woman of the Year.



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**Marnie Baker, M.D., M.P.H.**

Dr. Marnie Baker is a board-certified pediatrician with MemorialCare Medical Group (MCMG), practicing general pediatrics for the past 18 years. She shares her clinical responsibilities with her role as Medical Director of Performance Improvement for MemorialCare Medical Foundation, overseeing clinical quality programs, including immunizations.

Dr. Baker serves as a leader within and outside of MemorialCare, including chair of the MCMG Department of Pediatrics and board member of MemorialCare Health System's Physician Society. She is a member of the Integrated Healthcare Association's Technical Measurement Committee and America's Physician Groups' Clinical Quality Leadership Committee. Dr. Baker has earned honors as a Southern California Super Doctor and Orange County Physician of Excellence. She earned her medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and her Master's of Public Health in maternal and child health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She lives in Irvine with her husband and two teenage sons.

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**Delores Chavez Harmes**

Delores is the owner of Chavez Financial Offices (CFO), a firm providing accounting, tax and business management services. With over 40 years in the financial and accounting industry; Delores has owned her own company for more than thirty of those years. Delores has been treasurer for numerous nonprofits and tax exempt organizations, most recently she was the financial officer for the Mayor of San Diego's, Kevin Falconer, nonprofit organization One San Diego where she was also a board member.

A young entrepreneur, Delores founded and developed Adelante Construction Corporation, a woman owned, minority general engineering construction company. Other past accomplishments have included developing a migrant health care center in Yakima, WA, the Upper Valley Health Clinic. She also established Women's Health Care Exclusively in Yakima, which was one of the first of its kind; a medi-center approach to specialized health care provided for and by women.

Delores has created several nonprofit entities to promote her community and has chaired Hispanic outreach initiatives for several San Diego County and statewide political campaigns.

Delores is the chair of the Valley Center Community Planning Group and an executive board member of the Lincoln Club of San Diego County. She has served as President of the Latino American Political Association of San Diego County and was a board member of the San Diego County Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board and on the San Diego Union Tribune's Latino Advisory Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and General Federation of Women's Clubs as well as a member of the Hispanic 100. She has served as President of Zonta International – La Jolla, an organization committed to advancing the status of women worldwide.

Past accomplishments include being honored as "Young Career Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women Foundation as well as honored by the National Council of Negro Women as their Woman of Distinction. She was dignified with the title of Coalition Builder of the Year for the Republican Party of San Diego County and received a Certificate of Commendation from San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond for her business achievements and contributions to the Hispanic community.

Delores lives in Valley Center, CA with her husband, Scott Harmes, who is the national manager of the largest Reverse Mortgage broker in the country. They are the proud parents of two adult children. Roy, proudly served in the US Air Force for twenty years and now has his own brokerage of the Harmes Team Real Estate and Property Management in the Colorado Springs area. Roy's wife Ashley is a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Roy and Ashley have provided Delores and her husband with four granddaughters, Rosie, Kelsey, Sammie and Riley. Their daughter, Christina, graduated from San Diego State University with degrees in finance and economics. She and her husband are the parents of a happy baby boy born last July with another on the way in October.

Delores enjoys golfing, hunting, sailing and fishing with her family. She also loves gardening and grows her own vegetables and citrus and has over 100 varieties of rose bushes she tends to.

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**Kristine Jane Schindler**

Kristine Jane Schindler is a Carlsbad resident who has been actively involved in the bicycle industry for over ten years, committed to doing community outreach and organizing educational activities that support a healthy and active lifestyle. Her long list of past and present experience show her dedication, expertise, and advocacy in the fields of biking, walking, and public transit.

Kristine has served the San Diego Bicycle Coalition in several capacities over the years, and currently volunteers as its North County Project Coordinator. The Coalition named her Volunteer of the Year at its Golden Gear Awards in 2021, due to her passion for promoting bike safety and education in North County San Diego and investing many hours each year helping to organize Encinitas Cycloviva. This eco-friendly annual event attracts residents and tourists from all over and encourages them to ditch their vehicles and instead enjoy the beautiful downtown Encinitas on foot or bike.

As a certified League of American Bicyclists Cycling Instructor, Kristine takes another angle to her advocacy by directly engaging with her community in teaching fun courses - both on the road and in class - that teach the advantages of active transportation, focusing on its health and environmental benefits. Her dedication to encourage the use of alternative modes of transportation demonstrate her commitment to improving the overall health and quality of life of her community.

Furthermore, Kristine has collaborated with local school districts and public safety agencies to promote safer routes to school; is a Steering Committee Member for the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) San Diego Chapter; and co-chairs BikeWalk Encinitas where she seeks opportunities to advance active behaviors, better bike and walk infrastructure, and sustainable practices.

This non-exhaustive list of Kristine's contributions highlights her devotion as a true community advocate and voice for environmental sustainability in the 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

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**Sonali Soni**

Sonali Soni was born and raised in Calcutta, India before moving to San Diego in January of 1998. With a BFA from the Faculty of Fine Arts, Baroda, India, she went on to earn a Master's in Textile Design from the National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India. Always believing in the importance of education, she decided to fine-tune her design knowledge by earning a Certified Digital Designer designation from UCSD in San Diego. Not only due to a love of fashion but filled with a need to always bring beauty wherever she goes, Sonali started her career in the U.S., with UCSD at their Publications and Cancer Center. As her need for creativity grew, she spent time working as an Art Director for an independent film company in San Diego and was the artistic voice as the Creative Director for San Diego Woman Magazine, for close to a decade.

More recently, Sonali's talent took hold in a new direction leading her to illustrate several acclaimed children's books that have been featured on Good Morning America. Although an artist at heart, Sonali's philanthropic side has always been present, leading her to volunteer in whatever way she could to help make the world a better place. "Philanthropy has always played a role in my life. My life journey has had many twists and turns but giving and volunteering have consistently been something I am very passionate about. I have always been blessed enough to have incredible opportunities to use my time and resources to help others."

Her volunteer positions have included becoming an integral part of the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary Club where she has worked on projects both overseas and in San Diego. With a place in her heart to help children and ensure they have the best life possible, she has spent a large amount of time doing so, not only in San Diego but worldwide. Her desire to help children has led her to jump with both feet into an organization that does just that. Sonali serves as an Advisory Board Member of CRY America, an organization whose mission statement is to provide a just world in which all children have equal opportunities to develop to their full potential and realize their dreams. Sonali also serves on the Board of Directors for Mission2Help, a nonprofit organization serving greater San Diego. This wonderful organization provides services for individuals and families with special needs, conducting food drives for the homeless and underprivileged population in our town.

Sonali's beliefs were strongly influenced by an encounter she had back in Calcutta with the woman she most admired in the world, Mother Theresa. Whenever she questions her direction in life she thinks back to the selfless life led by this amazing icon. "This experience led me to believe that nothing matters more in life than to share your gifts and good fortune with those who need it most." Sonali does this in so many different ways that they are almost too numerous to mention. As an amazing artist and owner of Studio S, an Art and Design Studio in Scripps Ranch, she is actively involved in numerous Art Programs in local schools and with organizations that aid special needs children. She also serves as a consultant and educator whenever she is called upon to do so.

A renowned artist, in her own right, Sonali has had her work showcased at exhibitions in London, Germany, India, and the US. She recently exhibited one of her beautiful works of art at 'Love Thy Neighbor Asia Triennial Manchester 2021' and has worked on Design Projects for the House of India at Balboa Park. A true artist, you will find her murals gracing the walls of many San Diegan homes and businesses.

Sonali's love of travel has taken her across the globe seeing beauty everywhere she goes. Although Sonali will tell you that her most beautiful creation was that of her 12-year-old son, Shaan, with whom she and her husband instill the importance of giving and sharing with those less fortunate. Sonali shares, "The secret to living is giving. That is to say, by contributing to the well-being of others, our communities, and the world at large, we find more meaning in life."



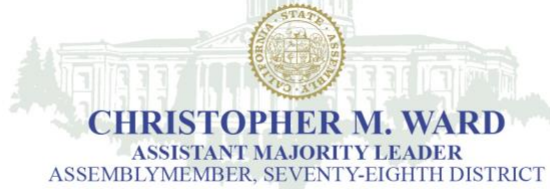
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**Carol Kim**

-Business Manager, San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council  
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After graduating from UCLA in 1998, Carol began her career as a classroom teacher in an inner city school in Los Angeles. Her years as a teacher were followed by several more working in HIV prevention, where she served high-risk groups including active and recovering substance users, adolescents in the foster care and judicial systems, LGBTQ communities, as well as communities of color. Following a move to San Diego, she carried her experience as a practitioner in the fields of education and public health to work as a Research Associate in the Health & Human Development program for an education research nonprofit, working with schools, school districts, and community colleges both in San Diego County and throughout the state of California. In 2013, she took a leap into politics, and has been an advocate for working families and underserved communities ever since. After several years serving as the Political Director of the San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council (SDBCTC) & the Director of Community Engagement for the San Diego County Building Trades Council Family Housing Corporation (SDBTC FHC) running electoral campaigns, advocating for legislation, or organizing community coalitions, she is now the Business Manager of the SDBCTC and the CEO of the SDBTC FHC.

Carol also serves on the boards of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, the San Diego Convention Center, the California State Building & Construction Trades Council, the San Diego Workforce Partnership, Run Women Run, United Way San Diego, and the Middle Class Taxpayers Association.

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**Pamela Gray Payton**

As Chief Impact and Partnerships Officer, Vice President of Community Impact, Pamela oversees The San Diego Foundation's Community Impact programs, leading the organization's strategic initiatives that advance quality of life for San Diegans. She plays a critical role in developing cross-sector partnerships and implementing future strategic plans for The San Diego Foundation.

Pamela previously served as the Assistant Vice President, Community, State, and Local Government Relations; as well as Assistant Vice President of University Communications at the University of San Diego. In both roles, she worked closely with university leadership, campus and community partners, local and state government, and statewide and national higher education associations developing and implementing strategies that advanced the mission of the University of San Diego while addressing humanity's most urgent challenges.

Pamela has served as Board President for RISE San Diego and the Kim Center for Social Balance, and has also volunteered as a board member for La Jolla Country Day School; the San Diego Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.; and Girl Scouts San Diego.



